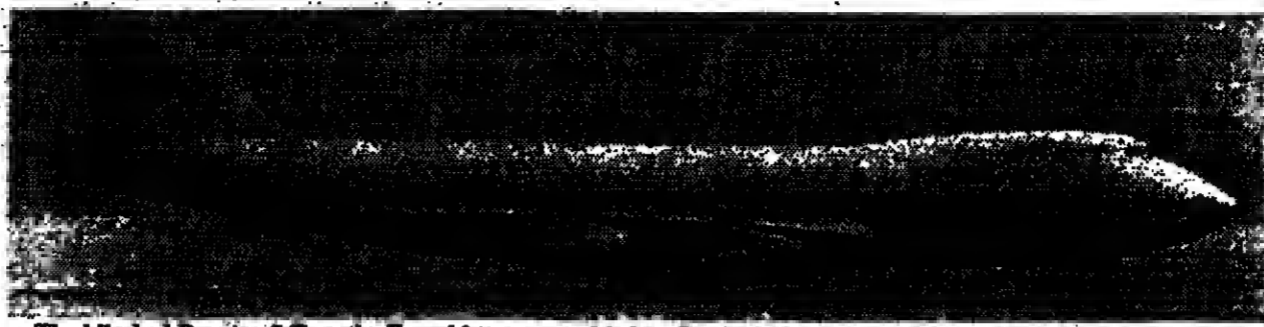


Big death toll feared as passengers flee in hail of gunfire Hijacked 747 stormed Second deputy for Tebbit in reshuffle

A hijacked American airliner with about 400 people on board was stormed at Karachi airport by Pakistani commandos. Passengers fled in a hail of gunfire... One passenger had earlier been shot dead and many more deaths and injuries were feared as ambulances went to the jet, hijacked by four Arabic-speaking men... The hijackers had demanded that the Pan Am Boeing 747 be flown to Cyprus to free convicted terrorists in jail there, one of them British.



The hijacked Pan Am 747 on the Karachi tarmac, and below, Pakistani officials wheel away a victim of the shooting.



Gunmen fire on hostages

From Michael Hamiya, Karachi

Pakistani commandos last night stormed a Pan Am airliner carrying about 400 people, after four hijackers herded their hostages together in the aircraft and opened fire on them indiscriminately. First reports indicated that there were heavy casualties. The four hijackers, who had demanded to be flown to Cyprus to free convicted terrorists in jail there, apparently threw hand grenades which did not explode as at least 50 passengers fled the airliner in panic. A BBC television news reporter at Karachi said pandemonium broke out when the hijackers began firing at passengers on the plane. He said: "The four gunmen opened fire indiscriminately on the passengers with their automatic weapons, apparently without provocation. At the same time the aircraft doors were opened and the terrified passengers began jumping out of the plane screaming and shouting for help. At least 26 ambulances raced across the tarmac to the aircraft, as well as the army

others, but the flight-deck crew managed to escape. The dead passenger was named as Mr Rajesh Kumar, an American citizen of Indian origin, who died in Jinnah Hospital in Karachi. The hijackers, who are believed to be linked with the group which carried out the "marina murders" in Cyprus last year, had originally set a deadline of 7.00 pm local time (3.00 pm BST) for the authorities in Pakistan to allow them to go, otherwise they threatened to kill their hostages. The deadline passed without incident and the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority announced that it had been extended until 11.00 pm local time (7.00 pm BST). Two claims were earlier made in connection with the hijacking. One, telephoned to a news agency in Nicosia, said that the hijackers came from the Libyan Revolutionary Cell. A second claim, in a type-written note delivered to a Beirut newspaper, claimed responsibility for an organization called Jundallah (soldiers of God). Background, page 7

The appointment of a second deputy chairman of the Conservative Party is likely to be the main feature of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's ministerial reshuffle planned for this week. Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, is being tipped for the post, which has been created to ease the burden on Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman. He will take over responsibility for running Central Office while Mr Tebbit concentrates on his Cabinet role, the development and presentation of policy and strengthening links between Smith Square and the constituency parties. Mr Jeffrey Archer, the deputy chairman, will continue in his role of rallying the troops at the grass roots. Mrs Thatcher will tell the Queen of her plans for the Government shake-up today when she pays her annual informal weekend visit to Balmoral. The changes are likely to be confined to the middle and junior ranks. They will be concentrated on the Department of Health and Social Security, where Mr Barney Hayhoe, the Minister of State, and Mr Ray Whitney, one of his deputies, are seen as likely casualties. Mrs Thatcher wants a revamped team to counter critics of the Government's stewardship of the NHS. Lord Elton's resignation from the Department of Environment leaves another slot in the middle ranks to be filled and further weakens the Government's presentation in the Lords. Other junior ministers in the firing line include Mrs Peggy Fenner at agriculture and Mr John Lee at defence. Mr David Mellor, a junior minister in the Home Office, may replace Mr Waddington, who would find it difficult to combine Central Office duties with his responsibilities for immigration and is likely to be switched to a less onerous post. Mr Chris Patten, Minister of State for Education, is being canvassed as the new Minister for Health where, it is said, his skills as a communicator would be a decided asset. Mr David Hunt, a junior minister at energy, is another believed to be on the way up. Right-wing backbenchers due for promotion include Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr Michael Portillo and Mr Peter Lilley. Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, may be switched to take over overseas development.

Monday The Church in Crisis Abandoned churches turned into discotheques; a vandalized Prayer Book; an unrepresentative leadership; has the established Church lost touch with the people? A three-part series investigates The New Fatherland Breadwinners or nappy changers? How do today's fathers see their role? Libby Purves reports

US 'deep regret' at killing From Mohsin Ali, Washington. The State Department yesterday confirmed the death of a Kenya-born US citizen in the Karachi hijacking of the Pan American Boeing 747 aircraft. A spokesman said the American had been preliminary identified as Mr Rajesh Kumar, 29, a resident of California. "We deeply regret and condemn the brutal killing of this innocent American in this callous act of terrorism", the spokesman said. Meanwhile, American officials said that the aircraft carrier Forrestal had left Naples early yesterday following the Karachi hijacking. They did not say where it was heading.

Puzzle over terror claims From Robert Fisk, Nicosia. Two anonymous men - one in Nicosia, the other in Beirut - yesterday claimed responsibility for the hijacking of the Pan Am jumbo jet, saying their organizations had attacked the aircraft because US intelligence agents were on the plane. Respectively describing themselves as the representatives of the "Libyan Revolutionary Cells" and "Soldiers of God", the first telephoned his claim of responsibility to the AFP news agency in Cyprus while the second delivered a statement from the Muslim fundamentalist and pro-Iranian Jundallah (Soldiers of God) to the Beirut newspaper An Nahar. It was typed in neat and flawless Arabic on a sheet of quarto paper and finished with the words "Glory to the martyrs, dignity to God, God is great". Neither the caller nor the

At least 8 Britons on board. The Foreign Office in London said last night it had the names of only eight of the 15 Britons believed to be on board the hijacked airliner. Even the figure of 15 was not necessarily precise. It was possible some Britons were among about 50 passengers who had not boarded the jet when the hijackers struck. The names of those known to be on board would not be released until Pan Am had contacted their next of kin. As the hijack drama unfolded Mr Vernon Walters, the US presidential envoy, left London after talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Minister, at the end of his tour of European capitals. He made no comment on the hijacking. London talks, page 7

Man shot in Tube after raid. A man was shot in the leg and wounded last night when he was trapped by armed police in a Loodoo Underground tunnel after an attempted robbery on a security van. Police said it was too early to say how the injury had been caused or whether any shots had been fired by officers. The man, who had a handgun, was carried from the Bank Underground station in the City on a stretcher and said to be not seriously injured. Police said they were not ruling out the possibility that he had given himself up after shooting himself in the leg. Sgt Edward Aggar, of the City of London police, said details of what had happened in the tunnel on the Waterloo and City line should be available later last night. About 10 armed officers were thought to have approached the empty train in which the man was trapped from either end. They were joined to the operation by ambulancemen wearing bullet-proof jackets.

Richards attacks Somerset. Viv Richards, the dismissed Somerset cricketer, last night attacked officials of the county cricket club, whom he described as "assassins". He accused the club of renegeing on promises made by captain Peter Roebuck, the cricket committee chairman, Mr Brian Langford, and the club chairman, Mr Michael Hill. He said Roebuck had written to him in the West Indies inviting him to be Somerset's vice captain. Then, after a committee meeting, he was told he and Joel Garner had to go. "You don't treat animals this way," Richards said. "I was blindfolded, led up an alley and assassinated". Richards said he and Garner were bappy at Somerset and had become part of the community. He said he had received "emotional letters" from loyal fans. He dismissed as "insulting" a peace formula under which Garner and New Zealand Martin Crowe would play for Somerset in rotation. He was still prepared to play for Somerset under different management.

Portfolio Gold There is £12,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition. £8,000 in the weekly competition and £4,000 in the daily. Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize was won by Mr G M Burton of Ulverston, Cumbria. Details page 3. Portfolio lists pages 18 and 23; rules and how to play, page 33.

Chess draw The thirteenth world chess championship game between Kasparov and Karpov ended in a draw in Leningrad last night. Earlier report, page 2

SDI boost The United States' Strategic Defence Initiative, or Star Wars programme, has been given a boost with the successful launching of a Delta rocket

Fatal blaze Fourteen guests were killed in the Norwegian city of Kristiansand when flames engulfed a hotel. Page 18

TUC faces future united by hope. The fragile unity of the labour movement has for once survived its annual outing to the seaside. Some 1,200 delegates and 88 general secretaries left the Trades Union Congress conference in Brighton yesterday, at the end of a week in which they believe that they have taken the first step towards propelling Mr Neil Kinnock into Downing Street. Togetherness and brotherly love was, for the most part, the order of the day, with old rivalries only rearing their ugly heads in the debates on nuclear energy and the dispute between News International and the printworkers. Even Mr Arthur Scargill, the ghost of conferences past, walked only at night. The TUC demanded and got a fighting speech from Mr Kinnock, one that held out the promised land of jobs for all, while beckoning the brothers back to the corridors of power, and beer and sandwiches into the night.

Clashes at Soweto funerals. Further clashes broke out in Soweto yesterday when security forces confronted blacks trying to bury the victims of earlier police action. Residents said they said tear-gas was fired into a funeral procession for four of the 24 victims of last week's street fighting. According to clergymen, 15 people were buried on Thursday after the authorities banned a mass funeral. They claimed, however, that the police forced undertakers to secretly bury at least four of the dead. Meanwhile, the South African Parliament yesterday ended its extended sittings amid speculation that whites will go to the polls before April. The speculation was heightened when President Botha told a becker at a party conference: "You will get an election before you are dry behind the ears". Reports, page 6

More questioning in murder inquiry. Police investigating five murders in a New Forest house were granted a 24-hour extension by magistrates yesterday to continue questioning George Stephenson. The former servant at the house in Fordingbridge, Hampshire, where four members of the Cleaver family and their elderly nurse were murdered, was driven to Lynton for a 10-minute court appearance. Stephenson, aged 35, surrendered to police at a camp site at Brockenhurst, at 1.42 am on Thursday and police had questioned him for the maximum 36 hours allowed under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act without a charge. If no charges are preferred by today a further application may have to be made. Police were continuing yesterday to question two other men arrested in Coventry in connection with a red Rover car hired in the city by Stephenson last Monday. They are still searching for a blonde woman in her 20s who was seen with him in Coventry last weekend.

Allied clinches deal. Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, has bought control of Hiram Walker, the big Canadian wine and spirit business - best known for its Ballantine's Scotch, Canadian Club whisky and Courvoisier cognac brands - at a cost of about £600 million (Cliff Feltham writes). The deal ends a long-running legal dispute. It will make Allied a much larger group and therefore a more difficult target for Elders IXL, the Australian Foster's larger group, which was given the go-ahead by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to renew its £1.8 billion takeover bid. Details, page 19

Times man in Zimbabwe is expelled. Jan Raath, correspondent for The Times in Harare for the past two years, has been expelled from Zimbabwe. He arrived in London yesterday on a one-way travel document supplied by the Zimbabwe Ministry of Home Affairs. Mr Raath was detained by security officials in Harare on August 27 and informed that he had been stripped of his Zimbabwean citizenship. He was held for 3 1/2 hours and later given 14 days to leave the country. Although Zimbabwe has statutory procedures governing deprivation of citizenship and deportation, these were not observed. The Home Affairs Ministry gave no official reason for its action. Officials did, however, make clear their objections to some of Mr Raath's recent reports from Zimbabwe, especially those dealing with illegal detentions and other violations of human rights. Mr Raath, who was born in South Africa, has lived in Zimbabwe for 12 years and his family is still in Harare. He took up Zimbabwean citizenship a little over a year ago after having relinquished his South African citizenship, and had planned to settle permanently in Zimbabwe. His position now is not clear. Under Zimbabwean law, the authorities have no powers to deprive someone of citizenship if he is thereby made stateless. Mr Raath's citizenship was restored when he was issued with his travel documents. His passport, however, remains cancelled, and he left the country without it. Mr Raath's lawyer in Zimbabwe is negotiating for his client to be allowed to return to Zimbabwe and continue to work as a journalist. The British High Commission has also made representations. For the time being, Mr Raath has been warned that any attempt to contest his expulsion is likely to be fruitless, and could result in his detention or deportation. NAIROBI: Kenya has withdrawn its citizenship from a United Nations journalist, Salim Lone, who was detained briefly on his last visit to Kenya in July (Reuter reports). Leading article, page 9

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# More top graduates train for the Bar than as solicitors

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

More first-class honours graduates are now choosing the Bar rather than the solicitors' profession, according to the latest statistics from universities.

The figures, published in this week's *Law Society Gazette*, indicate a steady shift in favour of the Bar, compared with three years ago, at least among top university graduates.

They show that last year 6.69 per cent of all graduates entering courses for the Bar had first-class honours degrees, compared with 4.10 per cent entering courses for the solicitors' branch.

The year before, the proportions were 5.63 per cent for the Bar and 3.81 per cent for the solicitors' branch.

But between 1981 and 1983

the proportions were roughly equal: in 1983, 3.37 per cent of graduates opting for the Bar had first class degrees and 3.43 per cent of those becoming solicitors.

Commenting on the figures Mr D.B. Read, senior careers adviser for Sheffield University, says that in spite of the belief that solicitors get the best graduates, the evidence "would seem to indicate otherwise".

"Moreover, the trend is to the Bar's favour", he adds.

He says that the figures, which are from the university's statistical record, do not include upper second class degrees and that they also assume that academic ability can be equated with first class honours.

Nor is there evidence avail-

able whether drop out from professional courses for the Bar is more marked among the academically able, which might counter the figures, he says.

But such statistics as there are do indicate a trend towards the Bar. Between 1981 and 1985 4.56 per cent (92) of all entrants to the Bar had first class honours degrees, compared with 3.58 per cent (347) of all entrants to the solicitors' branch.

Mr Read, who is the liaison officer for the graduates' careers advisory services with the Law Society, calls on the Bar and the Law Society to monitor groups of graduates going into the profession so that a clear picture can be obtained of their progress.



## Princess mourns staff death

The Princess of Wales returned home from holiday yesterday to share the grief of her Highgrove Hall caretaker at his wife's funeral.

She walked arm-in-arm with Mr Paddy Whiteland, aged 73 (above), at a service for his wife, Nesta, who died at the weekend, aged 70.

The Princess travelled back to London from Balmoral on Thursday night so she could attend yesterday's service at St Saviour's Church Tisbury, Gloucestershire.

Wearing a black silk suit with a midnight blue hat, she joined 150 mourners, including other Highgrove

staff, at the church which is just a mile from her home.

Mrs Whiteland, of Berrells Road, Tetbury, worked as a cleaner at Highgrove when it was owned by the late Sir Maurice Macmillan.

She retired before the royal couple moved in, but kept in touch with them through her husband, Highgrove Hall's caretaker and handyman.

The Prince of Wales, who is in Canada, is known to have been saddened by Mrs Whiteland's death and distressed that he was unable to attend the funeral.

## World Chess Championship

# Karpov advantage in thirteenth game

From Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Leningrad

The thirteenth game of the World Chess Championship opened quietly yesterday, with Anatoly Karpov, the former champion, employing a similar opening to the third game of the series, which was played in London last month.

A treach warfare position developed, and Karpov, playing white, achieved a slight initiative.

Grandmasters will explain moves in the Leningrad games at *The Times* commentary

## Owen tries to limit tax reform damage

By George Hill

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, moved yesterday to limit the damage done by last month's launch of their radical plans for taxation reform, which were widely read as implying that all families with above-average incomes would pay more tax.

"This is wholly inaccurate," Dr Owen said yesterday. "The fact is that the vast majority of people who pay the standard rate of tax... would be better off, by varying degrees, as a result of our proposals."

The handling of the launch caused consternation among some party members, and was criticised by Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party.

The plan, produced by a working party led by Mr Dick Tavener, QC, a former Labour Treasury minister, was introduced as "the biggest proposed redistribution to the poor put forward by any party", with its proponents claiming that it relied on "the altruism of Mr Above Average".

One sentence to the report, warning that "there will be some extra tax burden on those with above average earnings", had been taken out of context, Dr Owen said.

Except for taxpayers above the £17,200 threshold, where the higher tax bands begin, only a small minority of taxpayers would be worse off, he said.

Dr Owen rejected Conservative claims that the plan also implied that couples with one income and two children could be as much as £24 a week worse off. He said the position of such a couple earning £300 a week, approximately 1½ times average earnings, would be improved by £2.50 per week, while a single man earning £300 per week would be £1 per week better off.

This confusion had arisen because the figures in the plan did not give the position of those earning between £200 and £600 per week, he said.

Although Dr Owen emphasized yesterday that he was on holiday when the document was launched, the incident must reflect on his control of the party's public relations.

The adverse publicity attracted by the unveiling of this major item in the party's planned election programme will cause heart-searching at next week's party assembly, with a view to preventing the SDP from giving similar ammunition to its opponents in future.

## Thatcher to meet Queen at Balmoral

By George Hill

The Prime Minister yesterday ended the public part of a tour of Scotland overshadowed by threatening opinion polls by escaping the vexing issues of jobs and industry and presiding at a ceremony to celebrate the sale of the millionth council house in Britain.

The visit will provide an opportunity for any rebuilding of bridges that may be necessary after the media furore of the summer over the Queen's alleged views on the Commonwealth and Mrs Margaret Thatcher's own style of government.

Downing Street and Buckingham Palace both appear ready to let the affair pass.

The most recent of Mrs Thatcher's regular Tuesday audiences at the Palace was on July 22, at the height of the uproar.

Since then she has seen the Queen twice: at a small dinner party at Holyrood House on July 31, after which she stayed the night; and at a formal dinner on August 2 for the Commonwealth leaders who gathered in London for the summit on South Africa.

At yesterday's ceremony, to hand over the millionth council house sold since 1979 under the Government's policy of encouraging home ownership, Mrs Thatcher handed the keys of the house in Forbes, Moray, to the sitting tenants, Mr Alan Young, aged 28, and his wife, Ann.

The Prime Minister told the couple that they had made the right decision to buy their home, and she looked forward to the second million of council tenants taking the same step.

The Youngs, who have two children, are buying their three-bedroom, six-year-old terrace house for £15,360.

The house is valued at £24,000.

Mrs Thatcher rejected criticisms of the discounts available to aspiring home-owners, saying: "It is no use just having a paper right to buy unless you bring the price within reach of those who wish to do so."

As well as the keys of the house, she presented the couple with a bottle of 12-year-old Prime Minister's Reserve Special Glenlivet Speyside whisky.

## Aerospace call to Europe

By George Hill

The nations of Europe should co-operate better in their aerospace projects, Conservative members of the European Parliament said yesterday at the Farnborough Air Show.

The European Airbus and the Tornado fighter should lead to the development of a range of European aircraft, including everything from military transports and trainers to small airliners and helicopters, Sir Peter Vaneck, MEP for Cleveland

## Chernobyl and the nuclear waste industry

# Deaths 'may reach 280,000'

By Trodi McIntosh

As many as 280,000 people throughout the Soviet Union and Europe, could die in the next forty years from cancers caused by gamma radiation from the Chernobyl nuclear accident last April, an American nuclear engineer claims in the latest issue of *The Ecologist*.

Dr Richard Webb, who has been studying the "explosion factor" of nuclear reactors for the past 16 years, said in London yesterday that his estimate of more than a quarter of a million extra cancer deaths was based on the best available information from countries such as the United States, Sweden and West Germany.

He said that the total number of deaths caused by all radiation sources from the Chernobyl accident could be very much higher and that a nuclear shutdown was urgent.

Only an international moratorium on nuclear energy would ensure a thorough review of nuclear accident hazards, he said.

Writing in *The Ecologist* issue, which was prepared in conjunction with Friends of the Earth UK, Dr Webb said it would take a controlled experiment of a very large population, to establish the health injury rate of radiation exposure from Chernobyl or any nuclear accident.

He said estimates by the International Radiological Protection Commission (ICRP), gave a probability of 0.01 per cent extra cancer deaths per rem (a unit of radiation dose) of whole body dose.

"But a higher rate cannot be excluded. We point out in this issue that a 10 to 20 fold higher cancer mortality rate for low doses of radiation is one which more closely fits the facts," Dr Webb said.

Using computer calculations by the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in the United States of the Chernobyl radiation cloud and after examining radiation measurement reports from all over Europe, he estimated that volatile fission products, such as caesium, seriously contaminated about 600,000 square kilometres of land.

He calculated an average projected 30-year dose burden for individuals in the 600,000 square kilometre zone.

Dr Webb said the cancer increase from all external and internal sources of radioactivity from Chernobyl would be higher still.

"I would give a total upper ceiling of 780,000 deaths from cancer, taking into account all radiation intakes."

He claimed the Soviet authorities and pro-nuclear scientists from the United States and Europe had minimized the expected death toll figures at the International Atomic Energy Agency conference in Vienna last month.

The conference heard that 31 people died in the Chernobyl disaster, 200 suffered from acute radiation sickness and 135,000 were contaminated by radiation.

Dr Webb, a former nuclear engineer with Westinghouse and the US Navy, is author of *The Accident Hazards of Nuclear Power Plants*, and a report, *Catastrophic Nuclear Accident Hazards - A Warning For Europe*.

*The Health Consequences of Chernobyl* (by Richard Webb, *The Ecologist*, Vol 16 No 4/5 1986: £5).

## Savage to delay her return

By Jill Sherman

Mrs Wendy Savage, the consultant obstetrician cleared of professional incompetence at The London Hospital, has agreed to delay her return to the hospital till October 10.

Mrs Savage, who was suspended for 16 months during an inquiry into five cases of alleged incompetence, was reinstated by the health authority in July and originally intended to return to the obstetrics department on September 15.

But a second panel of inquiry set up under the chairmanship of Dame Alison Munro to look into working relationships within the department, has now asked Mrs Savage to postpone her return.

The panel, which interviewed Mrs Savage yesterday, told her that in view of the large number of professional people concerned they would need a little more time to consider and develop some new ideas emerging.

The Tower Hamlets Health Authority said last night: "They were most anxious in the interests of the women of Tower Hamlets to find an enduring solution."

"Mrs Savage agreed that more time might be helpful and that she would delay her return until October 10, after the October meeting of the district health authority."

The new delay puts a further question mark on whether Mrs Savage will be able to return to her former position at the department of obstetrics.

In the past fortnight some of her consultant colleagues have made it clear that they do not wish her to return immediately.

Earlier this week the head of the department, Professor Geddis Grudzinskas, told the hospital's medical college that Mrs Savage should be found a post in another London hospital for three to five years.

Professor Grudzinskas and Mr John Hartjill, senior consultant obstetrician, have seen the Munro panel twice within a week.

## Branson will establish new Atlantic prize

Mr Richard Branson, whose boat, Virgin Atlantic Challenger II, became the fastest to cross the Atlantic in June, when it clipped two hours and nine minutes from the record set by the SS United States in 1952, is to unveil a new trophy for the fastest Atlantic crossing early next year.

His decision to establish a new contest follows the refusal of Mr Frank Braynard, the curator of the American Merchant Marine Museum in New York, where the current trophy is held, to acknowledge the eligibility of Virgin Atlantic Challenger's claim to the Hales trophy, which Mr Braynard says is only open to passenger liners.

The new trophy, which has already been commissioned, will be based on the award presented to Mr Branson and his seven-man crew by the people of the Isles of Scilly.

The new trophy is expected to be ready by the end of the year, in time for planned attempts to beat Virgin Atlantic Challenger's time of three days, eight hours and 31 minutes.

## Vote to quiz Anderton 'was unconstitutional'

Leading Labour members of the Greater Manchester Police Authority were challenged yesterday over plans to question Mr James Anderton, the Chief Constable, on allegations about his private life and professional conduct.

It was claimed that Thursday night's meeting of the ruling Labour group, which voted formally to question Mr Anderton, was unconstitutional.

The meeting, attended by only nine of the group's 24 members, was boycotted by some councillors, who said that it was an attempt to discredit the Chief Constable, over the Stalker case.

Mr John Stalker, Mr Anderton's deputy, was returned to duty two weeks ago by the authority after it rejected calls for him to face a disciplinary tribunal.

Mr Peter Grimshaw, a councillor who did not attend Thursday's meeting, said yesterday that it was unconstitutional because, since the death of Mr Norman Briggs, their Labour leader, no one had the authority to call it.

But the group chairman, Mr Tony McCardell, said that it had been properly called after talks with the group's secretary and treasurer, and the questioning of Mr Anderton would go ahead.

Mr David Moffat, a Labour councillor and acting chairman of the authority, was instructed to draw up a list of questions in writing for Mr Anderton.

It is understood the allegations against the Chief Constable include claims that he shared a holiday with a man with a minor criminal record and that he authorized improper use of a helicopter.

Mr McCardell said it was unlikely the meeting's decision could be reversed before Mr Anderton had been given the list.

Copies of the questions, and any answers from Mr Anderton, will be handed to all 45 authority members, who will decide whether action should follow.

The next meeting of the authority is on September 19, by which time it is expected that Mr Anderton will have received the list.

## Woman hit, bit daughter in revenge

A woman hit, bit and shaved her two-year-old daughter's head in order to get back at her ex-boyfriend, whom the young girl called "daddy", Highbury Court was told yesterday.

The woman, aged 32, unemployed, of Finsbury Park, north London, has pleaded guilty to assaulting the girl aged causing her unnecessary suffering. She was remanded until September 19 on unconditional bail for psychiatric reports.

## Ulster taxi firm bows to threats

Another Northern Ireland company has bowed to paramilitary threats in the growing round of intimidation by terrorist groups.

The head of an Antrim taxi company announced yesterday that he would no longer transport members of the security forces after death threats against himself and one of his drivers.

Last weekend a driver from the firm was forced to transport a bomb 50 miles from Newry, Co Down, to Antrim and plant it outside a town centre bar, where it exploded causing extensive damage.

The INLA claimed responsibility and said that taxi firms had seven days to announce publicly that they would cease carrying Army and police passengers or face "execution".

## Ming god points to priceless hoard

By Alan Hamilton

Divers in the Isles of Scilly have discovered evidence which, they believe, points to the wreck of a Dutch East Indiaman, similar to the *Zee Lillia*.

Pirae, among the islands' Western Rocks, has already yielded over 30 cannon, pottery shards, and several gold coins.

Further exploration work has been conducted on the site in recent weeks by a diving team from Southampton, Lancashire, Mr David Moore, the team leader, said yesterday that the wreck appeared to be that of the 1,050-ton *Zee Lillia* (Sea Lily). "We are not certain, but indications are strong," Mr Moore said.

She was on her way from China to Amsterdam when she was captured by the British, who put a prize crew aboard. They were heading for Eng-

## 245 knitwear jobs to go as demand drops

Meridian, the Nottingham-based knitwear company, yesterday announced 245 redundancies in the face of strong competition from cheap imports and a fall in demand.

About 170 of the job losses will come from the closure of a knitwear factory at Mansfield, and the rest will be cut from two factories in Nottingham.

Mr Barry Lockwood, Meridian personnel director, said: "Demand has fallen sharply and with strong import competition, too much production capacity is chasing too few orders. A significant proportion of available business is unprofitable."

## Picket line charges

George Sands, aged 36, described as a traveller, of no fixed address, was jailed for a total of five months by Thames magistrates yesterday for assaulting police, and threatening behaviour, outside the News International plant at Wapping, east London, last July.

A former *Sunday Times* printer, Anthony Adams, aged 42, of Grantham Road, Great Horkeley, Colchester, was remanded on bail until November 4, by the same court, charged with threatening behaviour outside the plant.

# Arts Council draws up case for 20% grant rise in new marketing drive

By David Cross

The Arts Council is expected to seek a 20 per cent increase in the money it receives from the Government, when it publishes on Monday details of its grant application for the next financial year.

It hopes that Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, will agree to increase this year's entitlement of £135 million to about £165 million to include a lump sum of about £20 million for things such as marketing and helping the arts to flourish outside London. Other elements in the package include a 5 per cent proviso for inflation.

Although this year's request is not as ambitious as the 50 per cent demanded last year, the Government is unlikely to meet that optimistic request in

full. Last year the council won a 22 per cent rise.

The council has already been warned that it can expect no more than 2.5 per cent extra to take account of inflation.

But Sir William Rees-Mogg, the council's chairman, argues that it would be a "disaster" if the advances made in the past four years were "to be sabotaged by marginal cuts, which would save little, but could ruin the momentum of advance".

In the past four years the council had greatly increased the value for money in arts spending, bringing in private sponsorship and an increased partnership with local authorities, he said yesterday.

"The arts companies have done everything in their power to raise their efficiency.

All this depends on adequate continued funding by the Government."

To put its case for a cash boost, the council is sending out 10,000 brochures giving details of its good work.

The booklet seeks to make the point that the real economic cost to the Government of financing the arts is substantially less than the actual value of the annual grant.

"Direct benefits from investment in the arts arise from the low costs of creating new jobs, from consequent savings in the costs of unemployment and from recycled tax," it says.

Partnership: Making Arts Money Work Harder (Arts Council, 105 Piccadilly, London W1V 0AU; free).



Rickshaw racers battling it out on the promenade at Great Yarmouth yesterday. Eighteen teams competed in the bizarre contest conceived by the town's publicity association. Last year the town had a camel race (Photograph: Jo McKeown).

## Portfolio - Gold - Winner in need of assurance

Mr Geoffrey Burton, from Ulverston, Cumbria, was the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Burton, aged 54, formerly a technical officer for a pharmaceutical company, was overwhelmed when he discovered that he had won.

"I had to sit down and call someone to check the numbers for me, as I did not believe my luck," he said.

Mr Burton, who is married with one daughter, said that he would probably spend his windfall on putting his house in order.

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

## Hospitals threat to 200 jobs

By Jill Sherman

Nearly two hundred London hospital jobs may have to go in a cost-cutting package which will affect patient services.

Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority last week approved measures designed to prevent a £3 million shortfall this year on its £100 million budget.

The proposals include staff cuts across all specialties, five ward closures and a three-month freeze on staff recruitment. The authority employs 8,000 people.

Cuts are being imposed all over the district largely as a result of overspending at Lewisham Hospital which alone faces a projected £2 million deficit this year.

Management has already imposed a staff vacancy freeze as well as tighter controls on purchasing medical and surgical equipment.

Mr Peter Griffiths, district general manager, said that it would be impossible to balance the budget by the end of the year at Lewisham without "quite unacceptable patient service reductions".

The district has now agreed to look at ways of raising internal bridging finance to avoid further ward closures and redundancies.

Meanwhile it has agreed to three temporary ward closures at New End Hospital, the closure of a children's ward at Sydenham Children's Hospital and the closure of an infectious disease ward at Hither Green Hospital.

The ward closures and other measures to generate savings will result in the immediate loss of 105 staff, including both nursing and consultant posts. Further cost-cutting options could affect another 85 posts.

The authority yesterday could not guarantee that there would be no compulsory redundancies although it hoped that most posts would be lost through natural wastage.

The health authority, which has had its allocation from South East Thames Regional Health Authority cut by more than £1.4 million this year, has been underfunded on National Health Service pay awards in the tune of £1 million.

Professor Cyril Chantler, unit general manager at Guy's Hospital, said last night: "If you look at the experience of the London Emergency Bed Service last winter any further reductions may be critical."

## Winding up threat to Overt Sports

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

The sportswear company of Steve Overt, the Olympic athlete, is plunging deeper and deeper into financial difficulties.

A leading creditor, Stenhouse Publications, will send Overt Sports Ltd a letter on Monday demanding that the company be wound up unless it receives within five days the £1,500 it is owed.

Overt Sports Ltd, which has officially ceased trading, failed to acknowledge service of a writ in the High Court on Tuesday and entered judgment was entered in default.

Another magazine publishing company, EMAP, yesterday confirmed that it was owed £316 by Overt Sports for payments for advertisements and that the claim was with its debt collectors. Mr Peter Stratley, the credit control manager, said: "We are expecting to take legal action shortly."

Mr Andrew Sainsbury, of Edward Leask, a Portsmouth firm of chartered accountants,

## Royal visit boycott threatened

By Jill Sherman

Parents are threatening to boycott a visit by Princess Anne to their school in a dispute over health checks in buildings after four pupils fell ill with meningitis.

Another child from the area, Stroud in Gloucestershire, has been admitted to hospital with suspected meningitis four days before Princess Anne is due to visit the district to open some new classrooms.

Aislinn O'Sullivan, who lives in Streamleaze, 12 miles from Stroud, is in intensive care at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, undergoing tests to see whether she has the viral form of the illness.

Doctors have confirmed that she does not have the meningococcal form of the disease which has claimed three lives in Stroud since 1981.

Princess Anne is due to open new classrooms at Park Junior School in Stoochehouse on Monday afternoon.

The new building has next to the infant school where one pupil has died and three other pupils have been affected by the disease.

Some parents have said they will boycott the visit unless the school allows health checks on the buildings to try to establish the cause of the disease.

The headmaster of Park Junior School, Mr William Black, said that no children at his school had been infected by the virus.

He agreed that he had been concerned since the start of the outbreak whether any of his children were suspected of not diagnosed as having the disease.

Researchers are still nearer finding a cause for the disease which has affected 575 people this year and has affected the Stroud area worse than other parts of the country. But a vaccine is being developed at Porton Down which may be in use by next year.

In a report published in *The Lancet* this week, doctors from Worcester health authority say that environmental factors cannot be dismissed.

The report points out that notified cases have been concentrated in the West and North, particularly in Great Gloucestershire and Merseyside.

Other counties, such as Cleveland, Cumbria, West Yorkshire, Mid Glamorgan and West Glamorgan have also shown marked increases. But only Kent in the southern and eastern counties has shown an above average rate of notifications of the disease.

## Car sales August is a record month

Car sales

By A Staff Reporter

Car sales last month were an all-time record, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said yesterday.

Sales of the first cars with D registration plates were 382,215, a 2.5 per cent increase over August 1985 and 2.05 per cent higher than the previous record of 374,599 in August 1983.

The industry is also on the way to a new sales record for the year. In the first eight months 1,394,680 cars were sold, 2.6 per cent more than in the same period of 1985. An

SMMT spokesman said however, that the final four months of the year were never as predictable as August.

But foreign cars took nearly 60 per cent of all sales in August. Their share rose to 59.09 per cent, compared with 58.71 per cent last year. However, during the first eight months of the year their share slipped slightly from 58.71 per cent in 1985 to 56.59 per cent.

Meanwhile, the dispute between the SMMT and the Motor Agents Association, representing most garages,

over changing the vehicle year "identifier" from August to October rumbles on. The two sides met at the end of last month.

The manufacturers would probably accept October as a compromise between all the various new registration systems which have been mooted. But the MAA and the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association whose members buy more than a quarter of all new cars, want to stick with August or move the date forward to July 1.

## Councillor on cocaine charges

A county councillor who is married in a campaign against drugs was remanded in custody for a week by Uxbridge magistrates yesterday charged with smuggling cocaine after a police operation in which £500,000 worth of the drug was seized at Heathrow Airport.

Ross Henning, aged 33, who is chairman of the SDP branch at Chippenham, Wiltshire, and vice-chairman of the transport and highways committee on Wiltshire County Council, was accused of importing cocaine between 1985 and 1986. He was further charged with production of the drug between the same dates.

## Universities to reject fewer school-leavers

By A Staff Reporter

Fewer school-leavers have A-level results too poor to guarantee them a place at the university of their choice this year, according to the Universities Central Council on Admissions, which acts as a clearing house.

Applications had been received from about 17,500 hopeful students, compared with about 20,500 last year. So far, 1,000 sixth-formers have been found places and 3,700 told that they are insufficiently qualified.

Another 6,000 applications are being processed by Ucca and the remainder sent off to universities for consideration. The screening process began last Monday and will be completed by the end of the month.

Ucca says universities are particularly short of school leavers with good A-level grades in physical science, but there are extremely few vacancies in popular arts subjects such as English.

Those hoping to study French or German may be considered with a grade B and even a C if they have good supporting marks. Prospects for candidates in classics, philosophy and Russian are good.

In the pure sciences, candidates with good to middling grades should find places. Some biological scientific departments have places for those with good grades who failed to get medical places.

Only a very few candidates with very high grades will be found places in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and ophthalmic subjects.

Flight off to a pushing start

A pilot's pre-flight message to passengers on a flight from Glasgow to Leeds recently was: "If you want to take nit, get nit and push."

Although the passengers were laughing, the pilot was serious, as the 30-seat Brown Aircraft did not have enough power to reverse on the runway. Five passengers had to jump out to push it into position.

Mother and baby suffocate

Deborah Wright, aged 25, suffocated herself and her daughter, Cherelle Walker, aged seven months, at Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, on July 19, an inquest was told yesterday.

Det Chief Insp Alexander Ross told Southwark coroner's court that mother and daughter were found to bed with plastic bags taped around their heads.

## Crossing warden wins case

A schools crossing warden, dismissed after allegedly hitting a boy aged six on the head with her crossing pole, yesterday won a claim of unfair dismissal.

An industrial tribunal in Glasgow ruled that, if Miss Irene King, aged 32, did strike the child on the head, it was an "unfortunate accident" and not grounds for dismissal. The tribunal was told that the boy suffered an injury which needed 10 stitches.

Miss King, of Fulton Street, Anniesland, was employed by Strathclyde Regional Council as a school crossing patrol officer at Temple Primary School in Anniesland, Glasgow.

She said that while leading some children across the street in February last year a school bag knocked her hat forward. While adjusting it, she said she might have accidentally hit the boy on the head.

In a written judgement, the tribunal stated that none of the people interviewed by the police said the action was deliberate. "An accident is not grounds for dismissing an employee," it said.

The tribunal ruled that the council should discuss reinstatement.

## Brothers jailed for extortion

Two non-smoking brothers who tried to extort £500,000 from the Gallaher tobacco company were jailed for four years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

They wrote a letter of demand to the company's headquarters in Highbury, central London, and followed it up with telephone calls threatening to poison stocks of cigarettes with cyanide.

After alerting Scotland Yard, Gallaher's directors placed a birthday advertisement in a national newspaper to signal that the ransom would be paid.

But the men, both builders, were arrested when they collected suitcases stuffed with paper on a railway embankment outside Nottingham.

Philip Frewin, aged 30, of Monkton Drive, Bilborough, and David Frewin, aged 33, of Nottingham Road, Hucknall, both Nottinghamshire, pleaded guilty to demanding money with menaces.

The court was told that the brothers were "initially outclassed" by Scotland Yard men who posed as Gallaher directors and travelled, as arranged, on a St Pancras to Leeds later-City train to make the ransom "drop".

## People trapped in lifts to get computer help

Lifts are to be monitored continuously by computer to avoid breakdowns and to summon help for people who may become trapped.

The total number of people trapped in lifts each year in England and Wales is equivalent to the population of a medium-sized town, according to official figures released for the first time this year.

The fire service was called to rescue people from lifts 23,100 times last year, although the total trapped may have been twice that figure.

The computer system developed by the lift manufacturers Otis has undergone three years of trials in Britain, France and the United States.

If a lift fails, the equipment sends an alarm to a control centre, opening up two-way communication for passengers. They can then be advised of help on the way, through a hidden microphone and loudspeaker.

Reasons for the stoppage and where keys to premises can be found appear will appear automatically on a monitoring screen in the control office.

## Pianist shares joint prize in Italy

Benjamin Frith, the first Briton to reach the finals of the Busoni International Piano Competition, gained joint second place in the contest; first place was awarded.

His prize is five million lire - about £2,400 - and a series of concerts.

In 1983 Mr Frith, aged 28, from North Aston, near Sheffield, won the National Federation of Music Society's young artist award.

The Busoni competition, held in Bolzano, Italy, finished on Thursday night.

## Employee was stabbed for 'slow working'

The head of a company was jailed yesterday for stabbing an employee with a pair of scissors, for slow work.

Anthony Sergino, aged 41, of Oak Avenue, Enfield, north Londn, was convicted of wounding Mr Philip Karieren, aged 21, at Fast Plastics Ltd in Hornsey, north London.

Mr Karieren told Wood Green Crown Court that his employer wrongly accused him of slow work and dismissed him. An argument took place and Sergino attacked him with the scissors, causing wounds to his back, hand and stomach.

Sergino claimed that the victim struck the first blow and the wounds must have been caused when he fell over.

The judge said that Sergino had acted "like a man possessed". He was jailed for two years with 18 months of it suspended.

## MP's call for action on fans

An MP yesterday asked Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to curb violence by British football hooligans abroad by endorsing their passports in the same way as driving licences.

Mr John Heddle, Conservative MP for Mid-Staffordshire, said: "People found guilty of drunken and disreputable behaviour should have their passports endorsed with automatic confiscation after three endorsements."

"If someone does something wrong in his car, then his licence is endorsed. Surely the behaviour, bring the good name of Britain into disrepute?"

Mr Heddle has written to the Home Secretary urging him to consider the idea.

A Home Office official was not aware yesterday of any precedent whereby the passport was used to record someone's misbehaviour.

The Home Office does not regard the passport as a licence to travel, but as a document which establishes nationality and identity.

A British citizen does not need any licence to travel, therefore a passport is not needed in the eyes of the Home Office to leave the UK, so long as the traveller has adequate means of identification. The usefulness of a passport is in making a person's identity acceptable to another country.

Given that, a proposal to use a passport as Mr Heddle suggests would change its concept.

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## Monk service

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TUC CONFERENCE

Media debate

Rail closures

Future of broadcasting

Law to confine press ownership to UK citizens is supported

A printing union motion demanding legislation requiring that the owners of British newspapers and of radio and television, should have United Kingdom citizenship...

called on the Government to legislate against both, as they had for radio and television. "We do not have a British press," declared Miss Brenda Dean...

it was there to investigate. Mr Murdoch had given undertakings to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and to the Secretary of State but had ignored them. Public accountability meant nothing...



Mr Fred Jarvis, aged 62, leader of Britain's biggest teachers' union, who was elected chairman of the General Council yesterday at the end of the annual conference.

aligned with the moderates, who are now in a majority on the General Council. Mr Jarvis, who has served on the General Council for more than 10 years, is president of the European Trade Union Committee for Education...

Enforced cutback 'would be tragedy'

If there had to be cuts in expenditure among unions they should not come in the education programme. Mr Alec Smith, general secretary, National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers...

"We have a programme that will stand the test of time," he said. "It would be a tragedy if like the present Government, in our need to exercise caution in spending we cut the education programme..."

State support for research

Industry would survive if enough money was spent on research, Mr Roy Evans, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, told Congress.

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New coal chief to hold secret talks with NUM leader

The first move to heal the rift in Britain's coal mining industry after the year-long pit strike was made by Sir Robert Haslam, the chairman of British Coal, yesterday.

Relations between Sir Ian and Mr Scargill were marked by personal acrimony and bitter personal clashes and Sir Robert is believed to be anxious to improve conditions for conducting negotiations.

Only four days after taking up his post the new chairman has arranged secret peace talks with Mr Arthur Scargill, the president of the National Union of Miners, in London later this month.

Willis plea for better quality of reporting

A plea to journalists for improved reporting was made by Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, in his wind-up speech yesterday.

handled, too much rambling and too few facts. There was the view that unless there was an improvement this year a replacement was necessary. "That was distressing for me," Mr Willis said, "because it was true."

Proposals by Peacock 'threat', union says

Deregulation and privatization posed a major threat to broadcasting, Mr John Morton, general secretary of the Musicians' Union, told Congress.

BROADCASTING

Ministry accused of pressure in M3 inquiry

A senior official of Hampshire County Council wants the recent inquiry into the route for the remainder of the M3 motorway to be reopened because, he says, a government conservation agency was put under pressure by the Department of the Environment, not to give evidence.

Tower blocks

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The British Association

Healthy baby born to parents taking genetic test for cystic fibrosis

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A healthy baby has been born to parents who were the first in the world to undergo a new genetic screening test for cystic fibrosis...

probe, which was developed in research supported by the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust.

The probe has been made available to genetic departments at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and Guy's Hospital, in London...

Professor Williamson said cystic fibrosis was the most common disease caused by inheritance of a single defective gene...

In both cases, the parents believed initially that termination of pregnancy was their only choice...

The mother of the healthy boy, Nicholas, who is four weeks old, is Mrs Maura Brodie, aged 32, of Swindon, Wiltshire.

The success with a new test developed by a team working with Professor Robert Williamson, at St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London...

The test depends on a gene

isolated the mutation causing cystic fibrosis to the middle of human chromosome number 7.

There were now seven gene probes for testing for carriers to pre-natal diagnosis when the risk was known.

Research was continuing to isolate the gene itself. When that was achieved, Professor Williamson said it should be possible to offer more accurate pre-natal diagnosis.

Professor Williamson said that people were immensely ignorant of genetics. "The vast majority of people have very little knowledge of inheritance, and the way things are carried across generations."

"Most people have 10 to 20 lethal gene defects just sitting there like a time bomb waiting to explode. We need an educational programme."

Dr Kay Davies, of the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, reported advances on gene probes for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, an X-linked recessive disorder affecting one in a thousand new-born boys...



A two-ton cannon from the Tudor warship, Mary Rose, being lowered into position at the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich yesterday. The 5 1/2-in-bore weapon, which had a range of one and a half miles, is in a new gallery at the museum called Discovery and Seapower, 1450-1700, which will open on October 22 (Photograph: James Gray).

Pilger will head new Sunday newspaper

Mr John Pilger, the Daily Mirror's former campaigning journalist, is to be editor-in-chief of News on Sunday, the left-of-centre national paper planned for launch next spring.

Mr Keith Sutton, a former journalist on The Sunday Times, will be the editor responsible for the day-to-day operation of the newspaper from its head office in Manchester.

The Sunday Sport newspaper, which is to be launched in nine days, took action in the High Court in London yesterday against a ban on its television and radio advertising.

The newspaper's publisher, Apollo Ltd, is seeking a court order against the refusal by the Independent Television Companies Advertising Association and the Independent Broadcasting Authority to accept its advertising.

The ban, on the grounds of public decency, came after bare breasts were featured in a 32-page dummy copy of the newspaper.

The newspaper claims it is not distinguishable from a number of other Sunday papers which are advertised on television.

A new daily paper, The Daily Standard, aimed at thousands of Britons living on holiday in Spain goes on sale tomorrow.

VC from the Zulu wars up for auction

One of the 11 Victoria Crosses awarded for the defence of Rorke's Drift against hundreds of Zulu warriors in 1879 is to be auctioned in London on September 26.

The medal was awarded to James Langley Dalton 10 months after his gallant stand against the Zulus only when public pressure was brought to bear. Dalton died in South Africa in 1887, aged 53.

Plan to cut prison suicides

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Measures to reduce the risk of suicides in prison, at four times the rate outside, are to be introduced by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, later this year.

The present system is considered to be inadequate for identifying potential suicides.

A report published yesterday recommends better staff training and improved procedures to prevent, in

particular, suicides among depressives, the mentally disturbed, and the apparently rational who give no warning of their state of mind.

New techniques will seek to discover those who are at risk among the 20 per cent of prisoners who have a psychiatric history.

The hardest to identify are the small group of seemingly intelligent and well-balanced people who try to commit

suicide out of self-disgust for what they have done.

"Death by hanging may take only two or three minutes," the report says. It recommends reviewing the ban on officers entering cells by themselves at night.

Resuscitation equipment should always be available. Report of Working Group on Suicide Prevention (Stationery Office, on sale from the Library, Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1; £4).

Dinosaurs were 'faster than Coe'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Galloping dinosaurs that shook the prehistoric world 60 million years ago would have been able to run faster than Sebastian Coe or Steve Cram, according to the latest scientific evidence.

The huge beasts which weighed up to 50 tonnes might not have been the lumbering monsters, scarcely able to support their own bulk, that some experts believe.

The 35-tonne brontosaurus was as agile as a five-tonne elephant and up to a slow trot. Others could break into a run and the fearsome triceratops could have been able to gallop faster than any man can run.

The evidence presented yesterday by Professor McNeill Alexander challenges some established thinking on dinosaurs.

One strongly held view is that the beasts were so heavy that they were incapable of supporting their own weight

on dry land and probably had to live in swamps.

But their unexpected agility was discovered by Professor Alexander, professor of zoology at Leeds University, using engineering calculations that related bone strength and dimensions of dinosaur skeletons to body weight and by studying fossil footprints.

Some widely-spaced footprints indicated that they were capable of speeds of up to 12 metres a second or about 25mph.

At that rate a dinosaur's time for the 1500 metres would have been two minutes and five seconds. The best times achieved by Coe and Cram were 3.39.03 and 3.46.32.

However, dinosaurs were probably unable to keep up their remarkable speed for very long. They suffered from overheating because of their body size and would have quickly become exhausted, the evidence suggests.

New device will protect planes from wind shear

By Our Science Editor

A new device that will protect aircraft from sudden changes of wind, which are now believed to be responsible for about five crashes a year, was described yesterday by Professor Donald McLean, of Southampton University.

He said 57 per cent of commercial airline accidents between 1959 and 1983 occurred during three distinct phases of flight: initial climb, final approach and landing.

Between 1974 and 1984 almost two thirds of all commercial aircraft accidents occurred during those phases. A detailed analysis of statistics showed that five of those accidents each year were attributed to wind shear and had caused more than 300 deaths.

Wind shear occurred in a relatively short space. It happened when two masses of air, travelling at different speeds, met and produced a "shear boundary", which was characterized by a rapid change in wind direction. At low altitudes this rapid change was specially dangerous for aircraft flying at low speeds.

One particular form of wind shear, called the microburst - a jet of air propelled rapidly downwards - was now recognized as very hazardous. Microbursts were particularly dangerous during take-off or landing, Professor McLean

said, because within a minute, frequently less, an aircraft may encounter a headwind followed by a downdraft and a tailwind.

The pilot would usually throttle back the engines to arrest the tendency of his aircraft to "balloon" above the flight path, as a result of the increased airspeed, when suddenly the headwind vanished and was followed immediately by the downdraft which caused a loss of lift force.

Not every flight which encountered wind shear ended in disaster. There were instruments that gave the pilot some warning that his aircraft was flying in wind shear.

But those instruments had limitations, Professor McLean said. He criticized the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States and the United Kingdom Air Registration Board for lack of more detailed study of the effects of wind shear. Current instruments worked to standards produced by those organizations.

The device developed at Southampton University is based on a microcomputer which contains mathematical representations of what happens to wind shears. Instruments measuring the atmosphere on the outside of the aircraft feed data into the micro-computer.

Telecom move on disabled 'lifelines'

Methods to ensure that vital "lifeline" telephones are not cut off without special inquiry are to be improved by British Telecom.

The move comes after concern from Otter, the BT watchdog, about phone cut-offs in the homes of elderly and disabled people for non-payment of bills.

One possibility is that they may be asked to name guarantors who would pay their bills if they got into financial difficulties. The BT move surfaced in the second annual report of its Action for Disabled Customers (ADC) section, published yesterday.

The report says: "Steps are already taken to modify the standard billing reminder system to ensure that known lifeline telephones are not auto-

matically cut off for non-payment without special inquiry. Ways of further strengthening these procedures are under consideration."

Mr Laurie Heatherington, chairman of ADC and director of Telecom's corporate services, said the move was in response to concern voiced by Diel - Otter's Disabled and Elderly group.

"I am meeting Diel next week to talk over various ideas," Mr Heatherington said.

"We don't want to do anything that seems offensive to disabled or elderly people. But we want to set up machinery to ensure these lifelines are not cut off. The idea is to help ensure that bills are paid. We cannot go on forever letting somebody have a free telephone," he said.

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# Poll for South African whites rumoured as Parliament sitting ends

From Michael Hornsby, Cape Town

The South African Parliament ended its extended 1986 sitting yesterday amid a buzz of speculation that the Government is considering calling a general election for white voters before April. Normally the Parliament, which since 1984 has consisted of three houses, for whites, Indians and mixed-blood Coloureds, sits only from January to June. This year it was reconvened on August 18 and had been expected to continue until at least the end of September. In the event, it has gone into recess early because of the weighty reform legislation promised by Pretoria — in particular, proposals for giving the black African majority a say in government "at the highest levels" — has failed to materialize. Since the State of Emergency was declared on June 12, the Government has devoted most of its energies to "restoring law and order", and to stirring up a xenophobic response to the threat of economic sanctions. A mood

of jingoistic bravado has in the past proved a good election climate for the ruling National Party. In 1977 Mr John Vorster won the biggest victory the party has ever achieved, by playing on the alleged anti-South Africa attitude of the US Administration of President Carter. Election fever was raised by remarks by President Botha and his Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, at the Orange Free State party congress of the party in Bloemfontein. Mr Botha announced that a publicity campaign was being launched to update voters' rolls, and President Botha told a right-wing heckler who accused him of not having a mandate from whites: "You will get an election before you are dry behind the ears." Meanwhile, an un-Christian row between international television companies and the organizers of the enthronement tomorrow of the Right Rev Desmond Tutu as Archbishop of Cape Town could

mean that the ceremony will not be seen outside South Africa. Anxious to preserve the dignity of the occasion, the diocese has barred television news cameras from the Cathedral Church of St George and has instead granted sole television rights to a private South African video company, Trilion. Foreign television networks will be required to buy any footage they want from Trilion at \$20 (£13) a second for showing in Europe and \$30 a second for viewers in the United States. Foreign networks are baulking not so much over the cost as over the principle of being asked to pay to cover a news event, which they claim is unprecedented. Several say they will not buy from Trilion, and are even threatening to force their way into the church. Archbishop-elect Tutu was said to be extremely upset about the ill-will the issue is causing.

# Soweto clashes over burials

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Further clashes broke out yesterday in Soweto when security forces confronted blacks attempting to bury victims of earlier police action, according to residents. They said that tear gas was fired at a procession heading for a township cemetery with coffins of four of the 24 people killed last week during street fighting over attempts to evict tenants refusing to pay rents. According to clergymen, 15 people were buried on Thursday after the authorities banned a planned mass funeral. But they claimed that at least four of the dead were buried secretly, watched by police, after undertakers in the township were compelled to take the coffins to cemeteries in an attempt to bury them without attracting attention. Some of the coffins, it was

claimed, were left only half buried and marked with purple dye from water cannon. The Johannesburg Star reported yesterday that a further nine people had been buried. "Hundreds of people, including relatives could not attend the funerals. Details cannot be reported because of emergency regulation restrictions," it said. On the front page was a 5 1/2 blank space labelled "censored". Workers from Soweto returned to their jobs in Johannesburg yesterday after Thursday's mass stay-away, which gave the normally bustling city streets an almost bank holiday appearance. Whites are now becoming accustomed to this, although nobody yet has tried to calculate the loss in man hours and production.

Labour monitoring groups described Thursday's work stoppage as the most significant and successful protest action in the huge township since the 1976 uprising. But there was a confused picture of what actually occurred inside Soweto following government orders banning news coverage and forbidding journalists from entering the township. The Johannesburg morning newspaper, *Business Day*, reported that eight people had been killed, six of them by the security forces. But the Bureau of Information, the sole source of official news about events relating to the State of Emergency, said that it had no confirmed reports of fatalities. It said there had been a number of injuries, although a later statement retracted this.

# Divers continue grim search for liner bodies

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Soviet divers yesterday continued a dangerous operation to bring to the surface more than 250 bodies still believed to be inside the cruise liner *Admiral Nakhimov*, which sank after a collision with a freighter in the Black Sea on Sunday. *Pravda* reported yesterday that the search, hampered by strong winds sweeping from nearby mountains, was continuing at a depth of 165 ft although regulations normally prohibit underwater operations in such hazardous conditions. "Divers are going under water in extreme conditions. They are at risk," said the director of the rescue operation, Mr Yuri Savelyev. A senior diving specialist, Mr V. Popov, said that the recovery would take at least another week to complete. Most of the divers were young and had no experience of raising corpses from a smoken ship. "Such work requires nerves of steel," he said. *Izvestia* reported that false rumours were still circulating among a group of more than 400 relatives of missing passengers and crewmen which

has gathered in the port city of Novorossiysk. It said that the most prevalent concern pockets of air inside the hull which had supposedly permitted some of the 282 people still unaccounted for to survive. Angry relatives accused diving teams of not working hard enough to find them before the oxygen ran out. "It is understandable that people who have suddenly lost their dearest ones can still not believe it has happened," *Izvestia* commented. One survivor, a driver from Samarkand, told the trade union paper *Trud* how he had won a prize in a waltz competition on the open top deck of the liner when he saw the approaching cargo ship loom on a direct collision course. He then had to rescue his two young daughters who were trapped in their cabin, by smashing the ventilation grid and crawling through. "The paper said 'It was a strange, almost collision of ships which — with all their radars and radio equipment and in normal weather and visibility — still did not succeed in missing each other.'"

# Reporters protest to Gorbachov

From Moscow

Moscow (Reuters) — The American press corps in Moscow wrote to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday to protest against the detention of the American magazine correspondent Nicholas Daniloff, who is accused of spying. Soviet sources with official contacts meanwhile said that Moscow was "very unlikely" to accept a proposal under which Mr Daniloff would be sent home in exchange for the release of an alleged Soviet spy in New York into the custody of the Soviet Ambassador pending his trial. Mr Daniloff, aged 52, has been held in an annex of Lefortovo military prison in Moscow since Saturday. He has not formally been charged. His British-born wife, Ruth, said that the KGB had refused her request to make a third visit to the prison yesterday, though she hoped she would be allowed to see her husband again on Monday. The US journalists said they had signed the letter as individuals. It bore the names of all 29 accredited American correspondents currently in Moscow.

# Aquino and rebel chief talk peace at convent

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines and Mr Nur Misuari, the Muslim rebel leader, held an unprecedented meeting yesterday and agreed to negotiate an end to the 14-year Muslim secessionist war. The meeting, in a convent on Jolo Island, 600 miles south of Manila, launched the first official attempt in a decade to solve the Muslim rebellion which has resulted in more than 60,000 deaths. Mrs Aquino and Mr Misuari, chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), issued a statement in which they agreed to "support the continued cessation of hostilities". Before their talks, an MNLF-imposed ceasefire in force in rebel-contested areas on the main island of Mindanao and the Sulu chain further south, which includes Jolo. Each side appointed two-member panels to negotiate an end to the war. The negotiations "to be carried out in the future" will be under the auspices of the 48-member Islamic Conference. The southern military commander, General Jose Magno,



Mrs Aquino with Mr Nur Misuari (wearing fatigues), the Muslim rebel leader, after peace talks at Jolo Island. With them are the armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos, the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and aides of Mr Misuari. 1973 in the bloodiest battle of the war that left dead more than 400 government soldiers and MNLF irregulars. A peace agreement signed in 1976 quickly collapsed but the fighting has become more sporadic. An island-wide ceasefire in force since last month allowed an estimated 10,000 MNLF soldiers and supporters to attend a policy-making conference eight miles away in the town of Maibung. Mr Misuari broke more than 10 years of self-imposed exile in the Middle East to return for the three-day conference which reviewed rebel demands he was to put to Mrs Aquino.



M Jean Emmanuel de Donville, aged 70, a Second World War veteran of the French 18th Cavalry Regiment, riding Hidalgo in front of the Bastille column in Paris before he continued his journey across France bearing the flame of liberty. The flame was brought on D-day by troops from Canada to his regimental headquarters at St Avoird in eastern France.

# Non-Aligned summit Britain censured over Libya raid

From A Correspondent, Harare

Britain is condemned, with the United States, to a special addition to the 112-page declaration under consideration at the summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Harare. A paragraph approved by a committee of officials from the 101 members describes the American air attack in April on the home near Tripoli of Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, as a crime that could not be condoned or justified. In carrying out the raids, in retaliation for an attack allegedly sponsored by Libya on a Berlin night club, the US had "the support and collaboration of Britain", which was in violation of international law. The officials have had much greater difficulty in finding an acceptable formula on the Gulf War. Conference sources said that after two days of deliberations the committee rejected Iranian demands for a direct condemnation of Iraq as the aggressor in the six-year-old conflict. Iran was reported to have had the backing of Libyan and Syrian representatives, while Pakistani delegates said that they could not support wording that did not have the approval of both sides. The original text, drawn up by the summit's Zimbabwean hosts, called on Iran and Iraq to "summon the political will" to negotiate a lasting peace.

# Dissident Basques in new party

From A Correspondent, Madrid

Four hundred members of the Basque Nationalist Party, which has been the biggest and most stabilizing force in Spain's troubled north-west Basque region, have launched their own, more nationalist, Basque party. The new party, called *Euzko Abertzaleak* (Basque Nationalists), upsets the balance of power in the Basque country's autonomous parliament, and starts a crisis in relations between the region and Madrid. The most immediate effect of the decision of the dissidents, who are grouped around the figure of the former president of the Basque government, Señor Carlos Garaikoetxea, and include expelled members of the original Basque Nationalist Party, is that Basque regional and municipal elections, due next year, will now probably be brought forward. The new party will hold its first congress in October. Basque politicians also believe that with the establishment of a new party, political pacts between the Basque Nationalist Party and the central Socialist government will become extremely difficult to administer. Relations between Madrid and the region are already strained because of the slow pace of devolution. Unlike the Basque Nationalist Party, members of the new grouping are not prepared to fudge historic demands for the self-determination of the region. According to these, the Basque area comprises not only the three provinces which officially make up the region today but also the Spanish region of Navarra and the three French Basque provinces — *Xaberoa*, *Laguardi* and *Nafarroa Beherea*.

# Nurse contracts Aids

Paris (AFP) — A French nurse has contracted Aids, probably by pricking her finger accidentally with equipment used to drain fluid from the lungs of a patient with the virus, according to doctors at St Louis Hospital reported in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

# India goes to court for Bhopal gas victims

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

The Indian Government yesterday filed a suit for unspecified damages against Union Carbide Corporation, the American multinational, on the grounds that its plant in Bhopal was of faulty design and that adequate safety measures were not taken to prevent the gas leak in December 1984 which killed almost 2,000 people. The Government has asked for damages which would compensate for all persons and authorities which suffered as a result of the leak. It has also sought punitive damages to deter Union Carbide and other multinational companies from wilful, malicious and wanton disregard of the rights and safety of people, and interest on the compensation and other relief payments first awarded by the court. The Government first filed suit in New York last year, but after 20 months of legal wrangling Judge John Keenan ruled that the case should be heard in India and that the Indian judgment would be binding on Union Carbide. The dimensions of the case are staggering. There are more than 300,000 claims for damages as a result of death, injuries and losses, another half-million for personal injuries, and thousands more for the loss of livestock and business. The claim forms alone occupy 3,000 ft of space. Claims for compensation of about £13.5 billion have been consolidated. **Alfonsín urged to resist trade links with UK** Buenos Aires (Reuters) — The Argentine Senate has unanimously urged President Raul Alfonsín to hold off on formal trade relations with Britain. Congressional spokesman said that a non-binding motion asks the Government to resist the move until London accedes to talks on the disputed Falkland Islands as called for in a UN resolution.

# Hundreds held in Chile coup protests

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

A man was shot dead, five people were injured and several hundred were arrested during a day of military regime of President Pinochet of Chile, which celebrates its thirtieth anniversary next week. An official report said that Señor Rodrigo Bello, aged 21, was shot by a naval patrol when he tried to set fire to a bus in the coastal city of Viña del Mar. Three policemen were injured, including one guarding the home of the executive secretary of the Catholic Church's Human Rights organization. The demonstrations, the fifth this year, were organized by the National Assembly of Civil Society (Nacs) to mark a "day for democracy" — September 4, on which Chileans traditionally elected their President until the 1973 coup. After a 40-day stint in jail, Nacs leaders were reluctant to call the protest a national strike. But groups of students, women, the poor and all opposition parties did. While the strike was not as successful as that in early July, there were noticeably fewer buses and cars on the streets and shops in many areas closed early, as did universities and schools. Bombs destroyed the main aqueduct supplying the northern city of Calama and railway lines in Temuco, and electric power lines were cut in Osorno. Students held assemblies on campus before moving into the city centre. At one road junction, Catholic University students played ball and shouted anti-government slogans for more than an hour. Squads of riot police, water cannons and gas-spraying armoured cars were unable to stop them. Hundreds roared with laughter when a policeman leapt from a vehicle and "arrested" a rubber ball. A French priest, Father Pierre Dubois, stopped police from entering the southern town of Victoria by throwing himself in front of their bus. After lengthy negotiations he convinced the Air Force colonel in charge to retreat to the town boundary. The people then began a march, releasing helium balloons carrying the picture of a French priest killed there during an anti-government protest two years ago. While the Opposition debates its next move, the Government has launched an all-out campaign, including television and newspaper ads, to prepare a pro-Pinochet rally planned for Tuesday.

# Family of four swim to freedom in West

Bonn

An East German family of four escaped to West Germany yesterday by swimming the river Wakenitz, south of Lubeck, after making their way through the border "death strip" (Our Correspondent writes). Federal border guards identified the four only as a building engineer, aged 49, his wife, aged 44, who is a doctor, a medical student son aged 25, and a daughter, aged 19, who is an architectural draughtswoman. Professor Hasso Meinert, a leading East German scientist, defected to West Germany last week after having attended a congress in Paris, it was disclosed here yesterday.

# Bribes charge militant jailed

Melbourne (Reuters) — Norm Gallagher, a militant Australian trade unionist, has been jailed for 18 months and fined £24,000 on bribery charges. A jury found the general secretary of the Builders Labourers' Federation guilty of 17 counts of receiving secret commissions from building firms in return for industrial peace.

# Top company chief held

Delhi (Reuters) — A magistrate has ordered two weeks' detention for one of India's leading five industrialists, who was arrested on suspicion of multi-million dollar foreign currency violations. Lalit Mohan Thapar, aged 55, head of the country's fifth largest industrial conglomerate, was held after Finance Ministry agents raided offices of his Thapar Group of Industries and residential premises.

# Coach tragedy

Ascoli Piceno, Italy (Reuters) — Six people died and 19 were injured when a tourist coach and a lorry collided on the coast motorway north of this eastern city. All the tourists were Italians.

# Rossini find

Stockholm — The oldest known original manuscript of one of Rossini's operas, the one-act *La Scala di Seta*, first performed in 1812, has been found in the vaults of the Swedish Association for the Promotion of Musical Culture in Stockholm.

# School bullies

Tokyo (AP) — Police handled 166 cases of school bullying between January and June this year, down from the 274 cases during the same period in 1985.

# Ariane date

Paris (AP) — The Ariane rocket which had future launches postponed after a May launch failure, is to begin operating again in February.

# Weeded out

Stockholm — Police removed 14 people from a railway line near the village of Rabbalsheide in western Sweden, where they had staged a sit-down protest against the state railway company's use of weed killer to stop the track from becoming overgrown.

# Base blast

Berlin (AFP) — A paper shredder exploded at a US Air Force base south of West Berlin, injuring 33 people and causing serious damage. No terrorist link is suspected.

# Six killed

Kampala (AFP) — Six suspected murderers were dragged from a police station at Budaka village in eastern Uganda and clubbed to death by a mob which accused them of having poisoned a prominent trader.

# Five sacked

Khartoum (AP) — The Sudanese Prime Minister, Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, has dismissed five military commanders and four leading lieutenants because of their failures in the lingering war with insurgents in southern Sudan.

# Drugs verdict

Los Angeles (Reuters) — Drug tests on the air traffic controller on duty when an Aeromexico DC-9 and private plane collided here on Sunday, killing 90 people, were negative.

# Arms talks

Washington — Leading US and Soviet experts began two-day talks here on crucial strategic, space and other arms control issues in preparation for a possible summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov later this year.



The Karachi hijack: Cyprus prisoners

London terror focus

The PLO Briton

Pro-Palestinian Briton expects freedom

Mysterious path to PLO world of defiant terror

From Robert Fisk, Nicosia  
Visitors to the central prison in Nicosia, set behind a clump of trees on the very edge of the green line that divides Greek from Turkish Cyprus...

And only a few weeks ago the Cypriots suddenly freed a Palestinian who had been convicted of trying to smuggle weapons aboard a Swissair flight from Larnaca to Amman...

The Israelis, as well as the Cypriots, will be watching the hijackers of the Pan Am jet at Karachi with special interest to see if they identify themselves and reveal the organization for which Davison and the two Palestinian gunmen were working...

His two Palestinian colleagues, Khaled Abdul Kader al-Khatib, who holds a Syrian passport, and Abdul Khalim Saado al-Khalifa, who is of Jordanian nationality, never said for whom they were working when they boarded the Israeli yacht and shot dead its occupants...

Israel rebuffs hijackers

Jerusalem (Reuters) - Officials said here yesterday that Israel opposed any concession to gunmen who hijacked the Pan Am airliner.

essions or giving in to hijackers and terrorists, including if such a request were made to the Government of Cyprus.

Porcelain butterflies of death  
Rabat (Reuters) - Two large explosive butterflies made of porcelain were found in the luggage of two Tunisian women suspected terrorists arrested in Morocco last month...

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The explosive used in a bomb left on a Paris Metro train on Thursday night was of the same type as that used in five bomb attacks in France this year...



Sir Geoffrey Howe greeting Mr Walters at the Foreign Office. Centre is Mr Charles Price, the US Ambassador.

Walters refuses to be drawn

By Rodney Cowton

Mr Vernon Walters, the American presidential envoy who has been visiting European capitals this week, left London yesterday afternoon without commenting on the Karachi hijacking...

concern at the seizure of an American civilian aircraft at Karachi airport. It confirmed that most of the meeting had been devoted to an exchange of views on how best to combat international terrorism.

Gadafi and Zia keep their silence

Harare - The two statesmen most affected by the Karachi hijacking were yesterday reported to be in the Zimbabwe capital, but both kept themselves incommunicado.

After taking a formal farewell of the Non-Aligned Movement summit on Thursday, he was reported to have left for Kampala. However, his presidential jet was still parked at Harare airport yesterday.

10 held on drug ring charges

Oslo  
Norwegian police said yesterday that a tip from Scotland Yard had led to the arrest of 10 people, six of them British, thought to be key figures in a huge West European drug ring based in London.

The suspects, none of whom has been identified, have been held in several jails throughout Norway for some time.

Israeli dies in raid on village

From David Bernstein Jerusalem  
An Israeli soldier was killed early yesterday during a raid on the southern Lebanese village of Zikhin.

Four villagers were detained and taken back to Israel for questioning.

Replica Greek ship to make symbolic trip

A full-size copy of an ancient Greek merchant ship sets sail from Piraeus today to retrace part of the last voyage of the original vessel, which was sunk by pirates off Kyrenia, northern Cyprus, some 2,200 years ago.

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Bread, circuses and academic dignity

From Paul Vallely Boston  
As luck would have it, the moment that the Prince of Wales left the School of Design, the seminar mounted one of his favourite hobby horses.

Colombo leader survives death bid

Colombo - Sri Lankan police are investigating whether former military personnel are responsible for two bombs which exploded at a crowded political meeting in a Colombo suburb on Thursday, injuring 32 people.

Church-state 'war games'

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw  
strengthen Church ties with private agriculture (unlike other Soviet bloc countries, private farmers are in the vast majority), because local administrators of the fund could well be former Solidarity activists...

Paris bomb linked with earlier blasts

From Diana Geddes, Paris  
yesterday not to pull the alarm cord if they saw a suspect package, as that would stop the train automatically.

Israeli dies in raid on village

From David Bernstein Jerusalem  
An Israeli soldier was killed early yesterday during a raid on the southern Lebanese village of Zikhin.

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Davison: a PLO commando serving life for murder.

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Found in a dugout, five dead Huns and five live kittens

December 1914. To his sister Helen, known as Whelk. Dear Whelk, I am faced with the appalling task of Christmasing my troop...

January 15, 1915. To Lady Guendolen Osborne, daughter of the 10th Duke of Leeds. Even now I still can't realize that certain people have gone right out of my ordinary life...

June 4. To Guendolen Osborne. I don't feel as if I could ever blame any man for being a coward in this war, do you?

In June 1915 the Bedfordshire Yeomanry joined the BEF in France and, in a letter to his father announcing his arrival, Lascelles wrote:

By the way, there is one thing I do want.

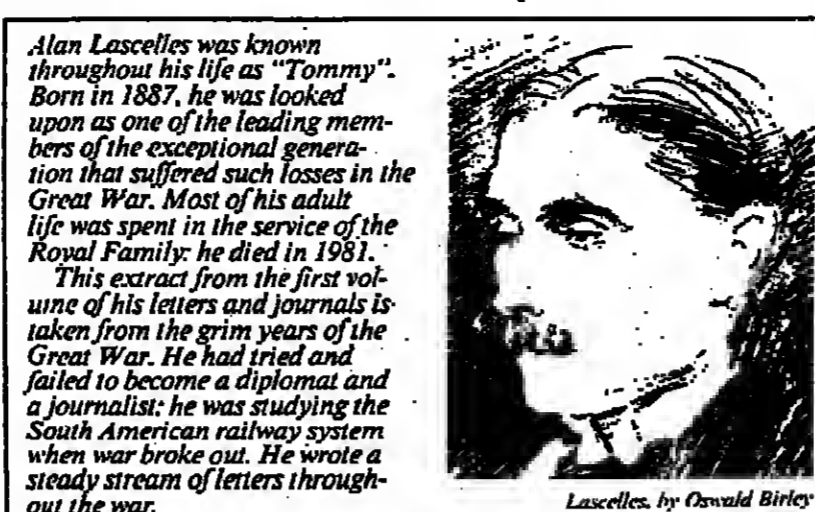
that is a couple of old lawn-tennis balls and two lacrosse balls (solid rubber); the former are invaluable for rounders and the latter for stump cricket.

July 28. To his sister. Dear Whelk. Probably if anyone had said to me on the evening of July 27, 1914: "Will you bet me £500 that on this day twelvemonth you are not riding a fawn-coloured mule through the streets of a place called Poperinghe with a bottle of Bordeaux in each pocket...

September 3. To his sister. Dear Whelk. I had two days' leave in Paris last week... I found a fly in my soup at Voisin's, which is a sign of the times.

March 3. To his uncle, A G C Liddell, known as Uncle Doll. It is a daily comfort to me that the three corporals I now have in my troop are called Swann, Peacock and Parrot...

October 6. To Eric Maclean, an uncle. It was given out that our mission was to occupy the newly-captured trenches before Loos. About sunset... were



Lascelles, by Oswald Birley

among them a Raven, a Gull, a Duck or a Gosling. It will be a great triumph if, by the end of the war, I have the aviary complete.

July 16. To his father. Dear Father, I forget if I told you that when Benning, our squadron leader, took a party up to Fricourt to bury dead last week, he found a live cat with five kittens in the same dugout as five dead Huns...



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flung unceremoniously on to a barren patch of ground by the side of the Lens road and told to wait there till dark.

Lascelles returned to England in November for treatment to a foot injury and did not rejoin his regiment until the spring.

In November, as the war neared its end, Lascelles began again to keep the diary he had abandoned more than four years earlier.

lawn tennis, for a white shirt, for this view or that house, for a Beethoven symphony, for a certain book, for ink and decent notepaper.

November 27. To his father. On Sunday a 5.9 shell piteously hit in front of a little shanty where four of us were eating, knocked us endways, and made a small hole in my forehead, below the right elbow.

It was not until March, 1918, that Lascelles was fit enough to rejoin his regiment.

July 15. To Guendolen Osborne. In the old days when I rolled through Amiens in the Paris express, I never thought the night would come when I should sleep on the trainlines of that dingy town.

November 11. As I rode into the market square of Arras, I became aware of a different note in the tumult of acclamation.

three German prisoners, being escorted back by a single helpless cavalryman on a frightened horse.

I seized a Belgian flag, commanded silence and made the only coherent speech in French that has ever passed my lips, explaining that for military reasons the instant presence of the prisoners at the *etat-major* was of vital importance.

We continued a leisurely advance down the Mons road. There came riding down the road some man on the III. Corps staff who stopped and said to me: "I don't know whether it has come through to you yet, but hostilities cease at 11 o'clock"

Adapted from End Of An Era, Letters and Journals of Sir Alan Lascelles, 1887-1920, edited by Duff Horner and published this week by Hamish Hamilton (£15).

SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

Poor man's gold

These days, athletics is a world of money and glamour. Isn't it? After the splendid European Athletics Championships, one might expect people to leap forward to offer enormous rewards and treats to everyone involved.

Key personnel

The cricket-writing chaps have been holding a sweepstake on the composition of the touring party for Australia, which will be announced on Tuesday.

Boisterous

Quote of the week: from Ben Griffiths, steward of Pontypool rugby club, after one of their players, David Bishop, had been jailed for a month for laying out an opponent during a match.

Knight

What matters most in flat racing: money and victory? Or sportsmanship? Well, in the spicy backwater of Arab horse racing, they are in no doubt.

Conor Cruise O'Brien on the sinister implications of a British ban on visiting South African archaeologists

A group is gathered round a camp fire. They are scholars, discussing their particular discipline. Another scholar approaches the firelit circle, with the intention of joining it.

"Go away. We don't want you." "But you asked me to join you!" "I know we did, but that was before we found out how unpopular you are."

"You may not be able to change the government, but you can always change your address."

The above imaginary dialogue is based on a real transaction: the decision of the British organizing committee, under the chairmanship of Professor Peter Ucko,

Apartheid is wrong, but the rot starts here

world congress. In banning the South African scholars, simply because of their nationality, the British organizing committee deliberately broke the rules of the parent organization, the International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences (IUPPS).

caved in. Having caved in, Ucko has been giving himself retrospective ideological airs. Or as Ascherson puts it: "As the row goes on, Ucko has given a more political slant to the defence of his action."

The new Ucko argument is even more disreputable than the decision it is designed to defend, or glorify. The whole idea of "damaging the regime" by excluding archaeologists from a congress is ludicrous.

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Kinnock and the unions: can it possibly work?

Is the press gullible or just lazy? On Tuesday, in reporting Ted Willis at the TUC conference, typical headlines were "Maggie's ballot wins the day" (Daily Express), "Strike ballot 'yes' gives Neil a boost" (Daily Mirror).

Modern investigative journalism does not probe far. It now fosters the illusion that a Labour government would be committed to leaving the provisions for ballots in the Trade Union Act 1984 more or less intact.

The right of employers to seek an injunction of a secret strike ballot is not held before a strike would be removed, as would the right of employers to sue a union for damages in compensation for the effects of calling a strike without a secret ballot.

Labour proposes that the right of union members to a pre-strike ballot will not be enforceable at the courts at the insistence of either a union member or an employer.

some vague independent tribunal, with no recourse to the courts. This will act only on a complaint from a member brave enough to challenge his union.

Even if the vague independent tribunal ruled against the union, there would be no penalties against any union which defied it.

A Scargill strike without a ballot could not be challenged in the courts. Even before the 1984 act became operative some areas were able to get court rulings against Scargill and his executive for not holding strike ballots.

Then there is the matter of members voting individually in a secret ballot for their executives. It is a gigantic joke that Ken Gill should be this year's TUC conference chairman welcoming Kinnock. Gill is general secretary of Tass.

union to hold the necessary democratic elections. I am glad to say that after some prodding from me in the News of the World several Tass members have complained to the Certification Officer, who is making the necessary investigation.

Under Kinnock all that would be out. The right of union members to a secret ballot to elect their executives would be enshrined in the law but in the rule books of the unions.

If Kinnock were remotely genuine about democracy in the unions he would not have announced that he will repeal the 1984 act. This has enormously increased the power of union members to control their own affairs.

Woodrow Wyatt

If Neil Kinnock is as good as his word, his speech at Brighton this week will be remembered after every vote at the TUC has been forgotten.

No rubber stamp, no blank cheque. "Government exists to serve the wider public interest and not narrow vested interests."

Every Labour leader for years has found the unions to be both a burden and the foundation of his strength. As their popularity has declined, so they have ceased to be an electoral asset.

Yet in practice their support has been essential to the leader. It is not just that they contribute so much in money and organization.

Every effective Labour leader has built his authority on a working partnership with the principal union bosses. When George Lansbury was denounced at the 1935 conference by Ernest Bevin, then general secretary of the largest union, the Transport and General Workers, he lost control of the party and gave up as leader.

Gainskell's troubles began when he fell out with a later leader of the TGWU, Frank Cousins. It was only won after Gainskell managed to win support from other unions to outweigh the TGWU that he was able to win the vote on unilateral nuclear disarmament in 1961.

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So the block vote is both an offence against democracy and a force for stability within the party. Just to abolish it would not be a satisfactory answer.

There could, I believe, be only two effective solutions. One would be for the Labour Party to expand its membership to become more representative of Labour voters as a whole.

The other possibility would be for a Labour government to exercise a greater measure of independence from both unions and constituency parties.

All Labour front benches have more freedom of manoeuvre in office than they have in opposition. This freedom is forced upon them because problems landing on their desk each day are so varied and so pressing that the answers could not all be fitted neatly into agreed doctrine or await party consultation.

Some Labour leaders use their personal power more fully than others in drawing up the election manifesto. James Callaghan certainly did in 1979 and I would not be surprised to see Neil Kinnock put his stamp on the next one.

Yet Labour is traditionally more reluctant than the others to accord leadership to the parliamentary party. The importance attached to the party in the country is no accident. It flows from Labour's history.

Much has changed since those early days, but not the widespread belief that the party in Parliament should be accountable to the party outside. Kinnock is, I am sure, right to have made his declaration.

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CROSSED WIRES IN HARARE

The unseemly pomp accompanying this week's summit meeting of non-aligned countries in Zimbabwe...

notice of the world and to report truthfully and fairly on an otherwise under-reported country. Nor will it help further the cause either of Zimbabwe or of the non-aligned countries...

application. It is not easy to report all aspects of life in newly independent states, which is one reason why foreign correspondents have often preferred - and even now prefer - to work from South Africa. Raath was an exception, and his information and reports were all the more valuable for that.

THE PRINCE AND THE PROFESSOR

The Prince of Wales cut a dash when he substituted for the President of the United States at Cambridge, Massachusetts on Thursday. When it comes to broadcast work on academic grounds, the universities on this side of the Atlantic (only six of them older than Harvard) still have it.

Harvard's calibre should be a source of some pride for the Queen's subjects. However, in the context of Britain's economic prospects and the adaptation yet to be made by its own institutions of higher education and research, the Prince's welcome must be called unwellcome.

Prince spoke at Harvard, Professor John Ashworth of Salford University spoke at the British Association. His voice has been heard before, but the message does not suffer from the repetition. It says that the issue for universities is less the content of the curriculum than the values they imbue. This, surely, is also the Prince's terrain.

FOURTH LEADER

Scientists have discovered a heavenly body, a quasar, which they say is "between 9,000 million and 18,000 million light-years away". We are very fond of scientists, but we do rather feel that a margin of error which, in miles, works out at 52,775,496 followed by no fewer than 15 0s (we have just done the sum with our trusty calculator, ignoring leap years) is more than ample, quite apart from the possibility that the thing they saw as they peered into their telescopes was not a new star at all but the number 11 bus, a belief reinforced by the astronomers' claim that the light from it "has taken most of the age of the universe to arrive".

about it. The truth is that we have long since ceased to understand what scientists in general, and astrophysicists in particular, are talking about. We do not know whether to laugh or weep at the thought of particles that can be in two places at once and of others which arrive before they leave, and we can only throw up our hands and plead not guilty on grounds of diminished responsibility when we learn that some objects were so far away from us when they decided on a visit that in order to get here before closing-time they would have had to set off before they existed.

and darkened burnt-out case? (Answer: To judge by the weather these last few weeks, yes.) Or are they getting cross at our cool assumption that we are at the centre of the universe, so that the quasar must therefore be on its very edge, rather than the other way round? (Answer: Almost certainly, if the little green men we have recently started to see everywhere have anything to do with it.)

Iraq's side of the Gulf war

From the Ambassador of Iraq Sir Robert Fisk is, of course, as entitled as anyone else to indulge in unsubstantiated prophecy, but the scenario outlined in "Why Saddam's days could be numbered" (August 29) ignores past history and present-day reality. For example, Dr Fisk has referred to "the day, six years ago, when Saddam Hussein ordered his armies to invade Iran", without explaining that this step was taken only after repeated requests to Iran's rulers to cease their incursions into, and attacks on, Iraqi territory had been ignored.

Theological colleges' wider scope

From the Principals of Trinity College, Bristol, and Chichester Theological College Sir. We are very grateful to Clifford Longley for drawing attention (article, September 1) to the strategic importance of the theological colleges in the Church of England. Whilst recognizing that there is truth in much of what he says, the actual picture is not half as bleak as he paints.

25 years ago. There is now a serious commitment to pastoral training, block placements and related studies, and although some of us would like to see this side of training greatly strengthened, there can be no doubting the colleges' desire to collaborate with the rest of the Church in preparing men and women for effective ministry today. Yours sincerely, GEORGE CAREY, Principal, Trinity College, Bristol. JOHN HIND, Principal, Chichester Theological College, Trinity College, Stoke Hill, Bristol, Avon, September 2.

Body-snatchers

From Mr D. N. Donaldson Sir. What a pity that your correspondent, Mr Walter Ritchie (August 30), took fright at direction signs along the Fosse (with an "e" please) Way, near Slow-on-the-Wold.

Doing a double-take

From Mr Harvey Wood Sir. As Mr O. Brooke (August 27) sails merrily through the French villages with their jolly little name signs at both ends, he might spare a thought for the fact that in France and elsewhere these signs are primarily intended to mark the beginning and end of the built-up area speed limit.

Uncertain glories

From Dr Jeremy M. Black Sir. Among the reasons that Mr Alan Searle (September 1) gives for celebrating the Glorious Revolution of 1688 is that this revolution inspired the American rebellion of 1776. He omits to note that the American rebellion was directed against the political structure created as a result of the Glorious Revolution.

Money owed to NHS

From Mr Harold L. Sumption Sir. You report (August 29) that the Bloomsbury Health Authority is owed £1.18 million by private patients and the Opposition spokesman's belief that the NHS may be failing to collect millions due each year.

For whom bell tolls

From Mrs M. Hebblethwaite Sir. Now that a certain pronoun is disappearing so rapidly from our language has the time not come when 'Who's Who' should be renamed 'That's That'?

Soap and the admen

From Mr M. S. Herrington Sir. Max Bloff closed his excellent article (August 30) with the words "Margaret Thatcher is not a bar of soap". Alas, it is the grocer's daughter herself brought up to value window dressing and packaging, who has forgotten that a pretty bag won't sell broken biscuits.

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From Mr Alan Phillips Sir. Mr Jennings (August 30) writes that he is able to fix an egg using three pages of The Times as fuel for his portable stove. I think the question we should now ask is, do some pages of The Times burn better than others? I can imagine, for example, that the weighty leader page might take more to ignite than the ephemeral diary and comment page but would keep the fire burning for much longer.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 6 1909 A seminal event in the history of Boy Scouts (now called Scouts). The movement was the concept of Robert Baden-Powell (later Lord Baden-Powell) (1857-1941) who in his army days developed scouting for soldiers organized in small units.

BOY SCOUTS' RALLY

MESSAGE FROM THE KING The first annual rally of boy scouts took place at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, and the building and grounds on the occasion very much resembled a large camping area. There were no fewer than 11,000 scouts present from all parts of Great Britain, and amongst them was a troop of girl scouts, who excited considerable curiosity. During the day there were sports and competitions on the cycle track in the grounds, the latter including boxing, signalling, ambulance drill, life-saving, and other contests, badges and certificates for which were afterwards presented to the winners by the Chief Scout, Major-General R.S.S. Baden-Powell, C.B.

One of the most attractive items in the day's programme was an enemy's attack upon a farm where scouts were encamped, the display being intended to show the value of scouts as non-combatants in time of war. The rest of the enemy was effected by members of the Territorial Forces and the Legion of Frontiersmen who took part in the demonstration by permission of the County of London Territorial Association and Colonel D.P. Driscoll, D.S.O. as the battle raged the boy scouts could be seen taking orders from one body of defenders to another, tending the wounded, and rescuing women and children from a farm which had been set on fire during the operations.

"The King is pleased to note that the boy scouts are holding their first parade. Tell the boys that the King takes a great interest in them, and tell them that, if he calls upon them later in life to take up the defence of their country, the patriotic responsibility and habit of discipline they are now acquiring as boys will enable them to do their duty as men, should any danger threaten the Empire." - PONSONEY

MAJOR-GENERAL BADEN-POWELL, addressing the scouts, asked them to remember that all men belonged to one of two kinds, either workers or strikers. He wanted all scouts to belong to one kind, and they knew which kind that was - the workers. Any little boy could run about and play at "hide and seek," and "touch," and all that sort of thing, but they did not do more than that. That was what the monkey patrols did. Those were the strikers. They shirked the work which lay underneath the game of scouting. The true scout was a worker. He wanted them to remember that and carry out their duty of doing a good turn every day to some one, and then they would be workers and not strikers. Amidst cheers he mentioned that that was his mother's birthday. She looked upon all the scouts as her grandsons, and he was going to send her a telegram of greeting from them all. Lord Roberts, he added, had written regretting absence, but wishing the boys all success. Lord Charles Beresford, in the course of a long letter, wrote - "I am pleased to see the scouts are becoming so splendid in their discipline and in their good conduct, which will be necessary if ever they are called upon to serve their country. They are always cheery, no matter how bad the circumstances appear to be. Every time they go out they should remember that they are doing something towards making themselves handy in case they are wanted, and they are doing a very useful work in defence of the hearts and homes. Good luck to you all."

General Baden-Powell took his stand on a platform below the great organ during the march past, which occupied three-quarters of an hour. The girl scouts were loudly cheered as they passed, and so also were the Scottish scouts, who were headed by four kilted boys pipers...

Understandably, you seek enlightenment. By a happy coincidence, help is at hand. When their Lordships return to the House of Lords after the present recess they will discover before them a proposal (in the Public Order Bill, clause 5), to make it an offence to engage in disorderly behaviour. Before they assent, would it not be wise for the Lords Temporal to ascertain from their Lordships Spiritual whether or not they would (as a group) object to being deprived of gifts of liver - or any other delicacies - for the sake of law and order? Yours faithfully, A. T. H. SMITH, University of Reading, Department of Law, Old Whiteknights House, Whiteknights, P.O. Box 217, Reading, Berkshire, August 30.

THE ARTS

Television  
All alone  
from Oz

In the century of the common man, heroes are supposed to be extinct. They flourished, of course, when demigods walked among men performing superhuman feats. But as soon as it was discovered that everyone is created equal, they became a logical impossibility.

Heroes may still be employed as a literary device, but if they are to accord with egalitarian ideas they can no longer possess superhuman powers.

So the author of the new detective series *Call Me Mister* (BBC1), Robert Banks Stewart, admits to a "liking for heroes who aren't supermen but vulnerable human beings". He has made his hero an Australian all alone in the City of London, looked down on by bowler-hatted financiers, by the Metropolitan Police and by his grand English relations.

Jack Bartholomew, played by the Australian Steve Bisley, has only a man in a wheelchair and a black pop singer, who has been swindled by her manager, as allies.

Bartholomew comes to London to find the man who murdered his father in Sydney. On the face of it, his task is almost impossible. But despite being a vulnerable human being, he rapidly starts to display heroic qualities, and a degree of luck which implies that the gods are smiling on him - or if not the gods, Mr Banks Stewart.

For what a hero would take on a Jaguar in a Mini, and few whom the gods hated would find themselves inheriting millions of pounds and a baronetcy.

Sir Jack "Call Me Mister" Bartholomew is a worthy successor to this author's previous creations, Eddie Shoestring and Jim Bergerac, but his charm will pall if he goes on being too easily successful.

That said, *Call Me Mister* is a sublime masterpiece compared to the serial *Home To Roost* (Yorkshire Television), which has just returned to the ITV network, and has clearly been made on the assumption that third-rate situation comedy is all we either want or deserve on Friday nights.

Andrew Gimson

Alan Bennett is back with a controversial stage play. Andrew Hislop reports

About to raise the roof again



The rewards of eavesdropping

Some writers just read great novels, others such as Jean Rhys or Peter Ackroyd rewrite them. Playwrights, however, encouraged by the wish of television to send all literature down the cathode tube, are better than novelists to adapt the work of their favourite authors. They also like to have them strutting on their stage.

Alan Bennett, satirist, dialogist supreme, and founder member of the SDP, is about to put one of his literary heroes on the Royal Court's stage in a new play, *Kafka's Dick*, which starts previews on September 18.

Bennett has made theatrical use of famous writers before - but at a distance in the comical pastiches of the school play within his play about a school, *Forty Years On*. However, the authors he has made most use of in his work, particularly in his many delicately cadenced television plays, are anonymous, commonplace, full of the pathetic absurdities of everyday mutterings - men and women on the Clapham omnibus, even if it is the Clapham in Yorkshire where he has a cottage.

Many a throw-away line destined for quick extinction in a faulty hearing-aid has been rescued by Bennett, stored in his notebook, then mouthed exquisitely into life again by Thora Hird, Hugh Lloyd or another of the splendid regulars found in his television plays.

Bennett's interest in Kafka was in part prompted by other writers who have "rewritten" his life. Among them is Philip Roth who, in a celebrated piece of fantasy, made the troubled genius become a poor, unknown Hebrew teacher in America.

Bennett's first use of Kafka was in his award-winning television play, *The Insurance Man*, which portrayed in all but name the great writer in a Kafkaesque world as though to suggest that his writing was not so much disturbed, metaphysical fantasy as an accurate reflection of his surroundings. Now comes the contentiously-titled *Kafka's Dick*.

Bennett had been "in two minds" about the title which, with its echoes of *Prick Up*

*Your Ears*, John Lahr's biography of Joe Orton now being filmed with a Bennett screenplay, does suggest a singular approach to literary figures.

His doubts have been recently revived by the arrival of a telegram from that celebrated theatrical rewriter of Kafka, Steven Berkoff: "I find your stupid title abusing Kafka grossly offensive... So easy for hacks like you to mock the dead." "I sent back a nice postcard," chuckled Bennett. "I said perhaps he should wait to see the play."

Bennett insists that it is not a work of sacrilege, even if some people might think so. Indeed, he sees Kafka, who himself reacted so strongly to his authoritarian father, as a sort of father figure to all modern writers, almost religiously sacrificing everything to his writing: "I feel very much in awe," says Bennett.

*Kafka's Dick*, in which Geoffrey Palmer plays an insurance man turned obessional biographer of Kafka, is intended as an examination

of the relationship of a biographer to his subject and a writer to his reputation. It is also about Bennett's own reaction: "In a sense, *Kafka's Dick* is about writing *The Insurance Man*."

"I don't have 'literary interests'. Literature is what I'm made of," wrote Kafka in his diary. Bennett too writes a diary which, unlike Kafka, he intends to publish, but he is much more modest about his place in literature, joking about his fear of being "run over", even providing ammunition for would-be rumormongers by admitting he has never read *The Castle*.

Despite critical acclaim of his television work and the farcical element in his most popular stage plays, he does, however, still believe that theatre is nearer to serious literature than television. Though he greatly enjoys writing television dialogue, there is a yearning to get away from the naturalism he tends towards in his work for the small screen.

Significantly, his television play which most called into question this naturalism, *The Old Crowd*, directed by Lindsay Anderson, received widespread, misplaced critical disapproval. However, *Kafka's Dick* is his first work for the theatre since *Enjoy* (1980), which was even more subversive of its superficially realist setting and was the least acclaimed of his full length stage plays.

Both *The Old Crowd* and *Enjoy* are faintly reminiscent of Kafka's story *The Marriage Couple* in their use of a socially embarrassing corpse. But Bennett sees no influence of Kafka in his work before he started writing about him. He does think, however, that he would have liked Kafka - though not Joe Orton.

It is difficult not to like Bennett himself. Still impishly spry in his early fifties, looking suspiciously as young as his self-portrait as a boy which hangs on his wall, he has made the change from satirist to

writer of substance without losing a healthy talent for mockery and self-mockery.

When I met him he had just been standing, sneaked but unspotted, holding the telephone to his television set so that a friend in New York could hear the European Games 1500 metres final. He still acts, however, as a vehicle for lines of those less famous than Orton, Kafka or David Coleman. Recently he heard a would-be member of a group of local winos thus rejected, "No, no, go away, stop trying to get on our bandwagon."

I'm not sure what Kafka himself would have made of *Kafka's Dick*. Though Kafka once charmingly said of a barmaid lover that a whole cavalry regiment had ridden over her body, he had an abhorrence of dirty jokes. Whether the joke turns out to be on Kafka or Bennett himself, I feel that other writers already on the Kafka bandwagon should listen to what their hero says for himself at the Court.

Radio  
Richly rewarding

The noise you have been hearing on Radio 4 every Tuesday and again on Thursday since last April has been the sound of brains racking.

Each week a diminishing number of contestants for the title *Brain of Britain* 1986 (producer Richard Edis) have fought their way one step further up the pyramid, the top of which only one of them can occupy.

Last Tuesday it was all decided: the four surviving combatants - all men: ladies, where were you? - gathered on the penultimate step and after due ritual interrogation, one Stephen Gore, internal auditor, was elevated to the pinnacle.

The only thing that can discomfort him now is the swinging humiliation when next week he meets the Great Cortices of 1984 and 1985 in *Brain of Britain* 1986. What is not in doubt is that the occasion will be as irresistible as this show generally is.

*Brain of Britain* gets its fascination from clever manipulation of the heads-I-win-tails-you-lose principle exercised in our, the listeners, favour. If we don't know the answers, we are eager to be told; if we know them and the experts prove us right, we feel a little glow inside; but if we know them and the experts don't, our self-esteem becomes completely incandescent.

Last week when nobody knew who said "Sir, if you can believe that, you can believe anything," and I had the answer before the quotation was out of Robert Robinson's mouth, my satisfaction was immense. Any programme that makes me feel so good can only be entirely admirable - a state of mind it reinforces by contriving to suggest that to do well at it is the same as being significantly intelligent.

Compared with television's Mastermind of course the suggestion is pretty muted: no victim's chair, no stagey lighting, no space odyssey music. But the title is the giveaway: *Brain of Britain*.

There are some programmes which dare you to dismiss them and *Death of a Teasager* (Radio 4, Thursday, director, Philip Martin) was one.

This dramatized documentary by Jeremy Sandford

and Philippa Finnis was the true story of Jill Hoey, a working class girl who in 1977 took her own life at the age of 19.

It was based on a diary kept by her mother who, after post-natal rejection of her daughter, never found a way of expressing the love she eventually came to feel. No doubt this provoked insecurity and the fact that the poor girl's hair kept falling out also did nothing for her confidence. Then in her late teens she went to live with a young mimer, Tom, and things looked up until he gave up his job. Life on the dole quickly subjected the relationship to strains it couldn't stand. Jill went back to her parents, but when Tom was killed she despaired and committed suicide.

All this might have wrung a listener's heart had it been better done - the standard of the dialogue and the tone of the writing was about that of a modest *Absolutely Play* - and had Jill herself come over as a more substantial character. We were told of her promising talent for poetry and songwriting, but what we heard seemed unexceptional.

Was this the truth of the matter or did the authors simply fail to convey what was there? Anyway, *Death of a Teasager* hardly carried more weight than those sad little reports of failure and despair you read in the papers, and the fact that we were to an extent invited to see it as something more profound and Jill herself as a contemporary tragic heroine actually made matters worse.

Globe Theatre (Sundays) also carries an invitation. This time it is to listen to a series of six famous stage plays with "the largest English speaking audience in the world". Radio 4 and the World Service are co-producing and simultaneously transmitting.

Is the knowledge of a shared experience with listeners in Delhi and Rio de Janeiro going to bring more of us natives to the loudspeaker? I can't see why. What might do so, however, is the expectation of outstanding performance and if John Tydemans's opening production of *Pygmalion* was anything to go by then we shall be flocking.

David Wade

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Shaping up nicely

The Marriage of Figaro Coliseum

Jonathan Miller's romp of a *Figaro* has started on its rough-and-tumble course of nine more performances. Since April, 1985, when it was last seen, this *Figaro* has had a few more corners knocked off and with the merriment which that causes well-nigh drowning some of the recitatives, it turns out to be not entirely a barn-burner.

This has never been a production to pry too closely into character or motivation. It does not confuse by its investigation of levels of perception, just as it does not disturb by its portrayal of moral duplicity and emotional conflict.

Now with Jacek Strauch making his house debut as the Count we have a figurehead for the production's level of functioning: a bullish Rowlandson caricature of a booby and boor. His renunciation of the Countess need not be taken too seriously, and neither need his plea for pardon. His lack of adequately focused vocal projection does, though, give rather more pause for thought.

In all means, of course, that Valerie Masterson, as the Countess, is relieved of the need to suffer unduly at his

hands. She treats her arias with proper seriousness, coaxing each vocal cadence into a characteristic vocal caress into a cosy cloak of melancholy. Her isolation is incomplete: Susanna is never far away to have a giggle with.

And this Susanna has not changed much. Cathryn Pope simmers away sweetly twirling her light soprano and her hair in many a pretty *moose* of petulance or delight. She is the sort of girl who deserves and will no doubt live perfectly happily with her sturdy, chauvinistic Figaro. John Tomlinson, his wit and responses as heavy as his bass, works the role for all it is worth, barking and blustering his way through every domestic tangle.

Ethna Robinson has joined the production for the first time, and bubbles away as a Cherubino of distinctly feminine charm. Donald Adams is a real *DOY!* Cante of a Bartolo, as faded and painstakingly English as Edward Dent's translation, and nicely balanced in the kitchen scales with Stuart Kale's stalwart Basilio.

Just as the production gently closes its ears to any trace of complexity, wit or emotional variegation in Mozart's score, so Mark Elder, in the pit, dutifully replies with orchestral playing of relentless and unquestioning energy.

Mozartian magic

Così fan tutte Snape Maltings

Murray Perahia, Aldeburgh's very own hot-line to Mozart, has been spending the last month working with students of the Britten-Pears School during part of Snape's first and, I hope, not last Mozart Festival.

The result of this period of intensive study is a production of *Così fan tutte* remarkable neither for the potential star-quality of either of its two casts nor even for any particularly new insights in its staging. Rather it brings to its audiences and, more important, to its participants, a quality and standard of truly Mozartian musical understanding all too rarely heard on the stages of London.

This *Così* bares the distinctive Perahia fingerprints of buoyantly nuanced phrasing, crisp, vividly animated ensemble, all supported by sure direction and keen enjoyment of the drama in Mozart's harmonic structure. Ivor Bolton, director of the Glyndebourne Chorus, was the man chosen to put Perahia's blueprint into practice: he conducts with both eloquence and authority.

Bolton's great strength and a burgeoning opera conductor is to use his orchestra to help, even to turn to advantage, a singer's weakness.

The singers have also had the chance to work with a team of particularly lively young répétiteurs in Nancy Cooley, Jonathan Darlington and Jonathan Dove; and this is where the Dorabella and Guglielmo came into their own.

Rachael Hallawell, whose richly coloured mezzo still needs stronger integration, strode out boldly in recitatives most imaginatively staged, managed by Ms Cooley's harpsichord playing. And George Mosley, surely a Don Giovanni in the making, inflected his mobile, elegant bass to voice a distinctive and already assured stage presence. These cast gives a final performance tonight.

Promenade concert  
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A conducting career that already spans five decades has left Günter Wand with a deceptively simple platform manner. Big gestures are used thrifflily; his beat is shorn of frills; a slight nod to a woodwind principal is all that is needed to prompt the delivery of some well-rehearsed nuance.

Yet Wand is a conductor for connoisseurs, and examples of his seasoned communicative skills abounded in this performance of Bruckner's Fifth Symphony. His shrewd and flexible pacing of the vast outer movements, for instance, was epitomised right at the end, where he hit exactly the right speed for the great Chorale to unfold majestically, without jeopardising the urgent momentum of the dotted rhythms in the Adagio, too, he found a similarly natural balance between the melody's measured tread and the more fluid triplet counterpoints. Watching where he chose to beat twos, and where threes, was a lesson in itself.

In interpretative terms one was struck by the unity of mood Wand brought to the whole 75-minute structure: a mood essentially built on the contrast between the uncomplicated, rugged vigor of the brass outbursts and unison passages, and a wistful but always dignified approach to more lyrical string paragraphs. But this overall unity was shot through with many surprises: one thinks of the impetuous acceleration to the first movement's conclusion, or a bold drop in volume half-way through each phrase of the finale's chorale - artificial, perhaps, but effective.

The performance, dedicated to the memory of Hans Keller, was notable for the quality of the BBC Symphony Orchestra's playing.

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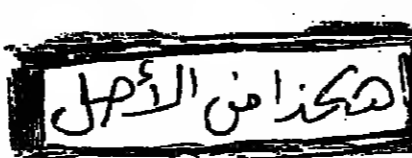
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Autumn of an orderly gentleman

Has Dirk Bogarde, still unflappable at 65, been premature in describing his autobiography as finished? Russell Harty meets him at home in France

This autumn, significant season of the year, sees a late flowering of Mr Dirk van den Bogarde. He has completed the fourth volume of his autobiography, cleverly entitled Backcloth...

and draws, smiles, takes another swig from the can of beer, smiles again, but can't let the '65' go. 'I've seen it all, I've done it all. And look about you. Look at all that awful, sprawling, spreading, diseased suburbia crawling up these hillsides...

German Army had surrendered unconditionally, he sat on an upturned box and waited for his friend to make a cup of cocoa. Then he felt empty, lacking any joy at the news and, more significantly, lacking any purpose...

Norah Smallwood, have gone. 'The gathering', he says, 'has begun.' There is no 'For Sale' notice at the end of the long drive. When it happens, it won't happen that way...

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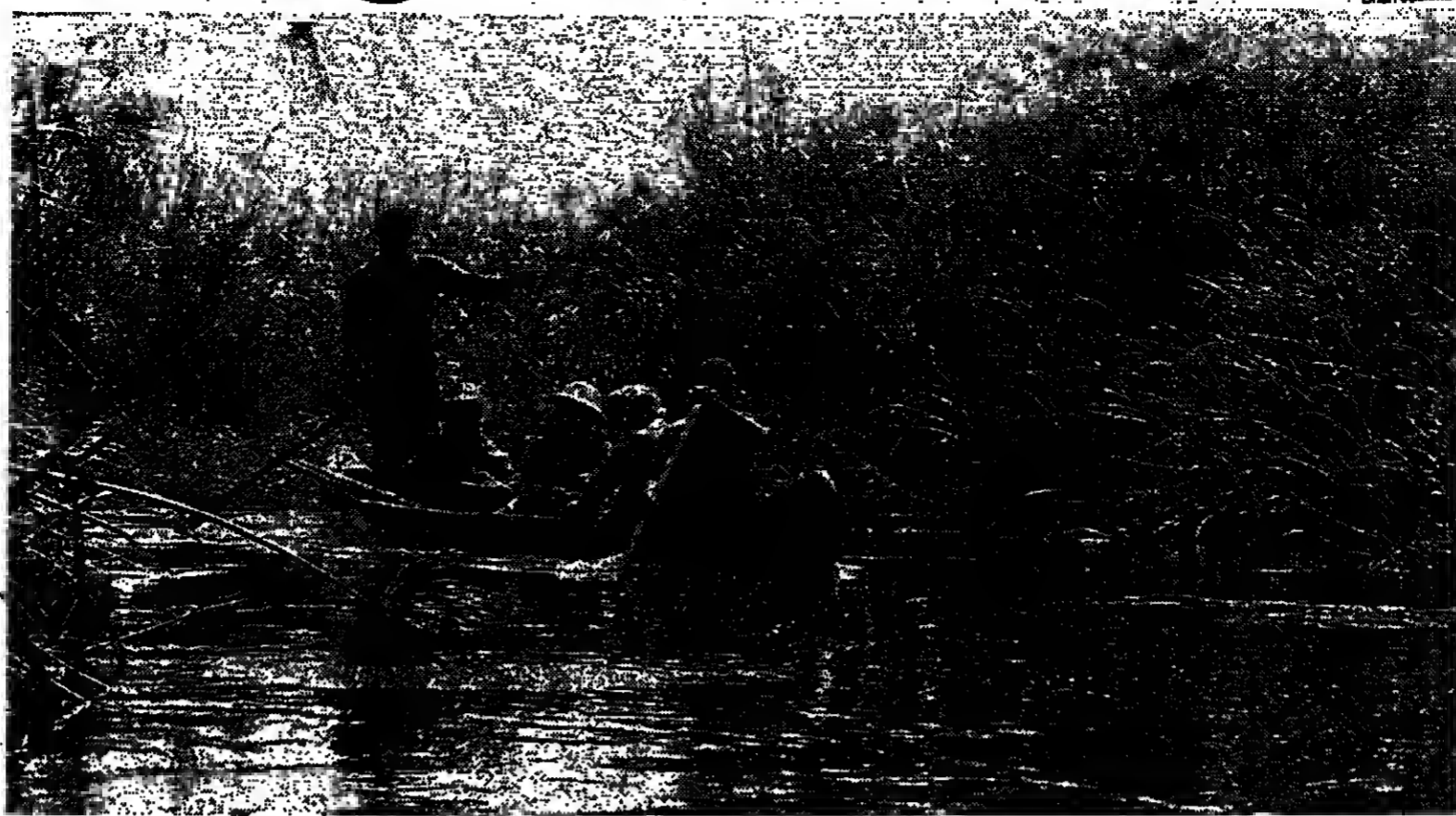
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TRAVEL

The wild game of hide and seek

Brian Jackman on safari in Zambia and following the last footsteps of David Livingstone



Adventure down a lazy river: canoe and crew go in search of the legendary and elusive sitatunga; below, a herd of black lechwe cross the plain

Scalehilly, and with only the stars to guide by, the canoe slid deeper into the Bangweulu swamps. Our two Zambian boatmen, muffled against the night chill in old greatcoats and balaclavas, alternately poled and paddled us down a labyrinth of narrow channels.

What had lured us to these remote wetlands in northwestern Zambia was the legendary sitatunga, an aquatic antelope so rare and so elusive that big game hunters will happily pay £5,000 to shoot one. It is a creature of extraordinary shyness. Sometimes it hides deep in the papyrus for days on end.

Out in the darkness the swamp lay still, held in a single silence, but as the first red tint of dawn seeped over the eastern horizon, the marsh birds awoke. Soon the entire swamp seemed to throb with their bubblings.



The sun came up fast. Flocks of waterfowl poured overhead: knob-nosed geese, flurries of egrets, wavering streamers of sacred ibis. Drenched and glistening in the golden light, the great fen stretched to the skyline, 2,500 square miles of deltas, reeds and floating sudd.

For fully five minutes he remained motionless, one splay-footed foreleg held off the ground in mid-stride as he sniffed the air. Then, very slowly, he lowered his head and began to feed.

met his end lies down a dusty track near the Lulimala River. In the village nearby, a visitors' book was procured for us to sign in the bleak little room which serves as the local clinic.

The place where Livingstone died is marked by a simple stone memorial in a dappled glade. He had set out in 1866 to find the source of the Nile but ended up 1,500 miles in the wrong direction, struggling through the Bangweulu swamps.

In April 1873, wracked by fever and terminally weakened by chronic dysentery, he was brought in a litter to Chief Chitambo's village, just beyond the floodplain, where he died on May 1, kneeling in prayer at his bedside.

day began with huge eggs-and-bacon breakfasts. From here we entered the surrounding seas of golden grass, cruising by Land Rover through archipelagos of termite mounds that rise above the flatness of the plains like the tumuli of a vanished race.

Larks and plovers filled the air with plaintive cries. Reed-buck and oribi watched us pass by. Large herds of tsessebe, fastest of all plains antelope, would stare at us with long, lugubrious faces until the nerve broke and they cantered away.

Then, suddenly, no more antihills, no more trees. Only the endless waterlands of the Chimwi floodplain. Here every year after the long rains, the swollen waters of Lake Bangweulu pour out of the swamps and spill across the

plains for nearly 20 miles. Now they had receded once more, leaving a green flush of grass for huge herds of black lechwe, an antelope found nowhere else in Africa.

In places, the retreating floods still lay in sun-warmed shallows where we paddled ankle-deep among congregations of birds in numbers beyond counting: watted cranes and saddlebill storks, lumbering flocks of pelicans and swift squadrons of pratincocks. Sometimes a distant flock would suddenly erupt like a puff of smoke into the blue, only to subside in another part of the marsh.

At last, finally, the great swamp itself, with its dawn mists and heavy dews, its lily-ponds and Batwa fishing villages marooned deep in the papyrus. Here, punting down Bangweulu's pellucid channels, we came across another mysterious spirit of the swamps — the ghostly grey shoebill stork — and listened to the cry of the fish eagle whose yelping voice sounded to Livingstone as if it were "calling to someone in the other world".

No wonder that even Livingstone, fatally ill as he was, should have been moved by the magic of the swamps. "Men were hunting", he wrote in his journal in late March 1873, "and we passed near large herds of antelope, which made a rushing, plunging noise as they ran and sprang among the waters. A lion had wandered into this world of water and anthills and roared night and morning."

Today, more than a century later, his world is still a pristine wilderness. The antelope still run and the marsh lions still roar. Whatever happens elsewhere in Africa, one feels that Bangweulu's immense horizons and huge marshland skies will just the same a hundred years from now.

TRAVEL NOTES

Brian Jackman of The Sunday Times travelled to Zambia with Ecosafaris, 146 Gloucester Road London SW7 0J (01-870 5032). The £1,992, 17-day David Livingstone Safari includes a week's game viewing in the Luangwa Valley national park and two nights at the Victoria Falls.

OUT AND ABOUT

Hard realities of history

Books out, swill buckets in at a living museum where learning gets back to basics

It was the farmyard aroma of pigs and muck that gave the first hint of a "Victorian experience" at Squatter Cottage being one of sights, sounds and smells. Two black and white porkers showed their snouts into a bucket of swill and rubbed their grubby sides on the muddy floor of their sty — a sound which presumably would have been comforting to the occupant of the adjoining privy 100 years ago.

Here at Ironbridge Gorge Museum, girls of the 1st Much Wenlock guide and brownie troops wrinkled their noses and managed to avoid this functional part of the garden as they gathered herbs, weeded the vegetables and collected kindling wood, in the manner of their great-grandmothers. Inside the two-bedroomed cottage, others cleaned oil lamps, made rag rugs and baked bread on an open range, their dresses protected by starched white pinafores.

This practical way of reliving history is not intended to replace the textbooks, but in a few hours children absorb the games, the daily tasks and the limited household appliances familiar to a Victorian family. And the setting for learning could not be more appropriate.

Ironbridge was the cradle of the Industrial Revolution. Here Abraham Darby, a Quaker pot founder, began to make iron, using coke as his fuel rather than the customary charcoal. Here, too, was built the Iron Bridge, the direct ancestor of our metal-framed



Cold comfort cottage: children come face to face with the chores of days past

constructions. And it was along the surrounding network of canals and rivers that barges carried the bellied iron pots, sometimes called missionaries, which made Coalbrookdale and its blast furnace famous.

The industry later declined, but in abandoning the Gorge rather than destroying the buildings, there is now a perfectly preserved legacy of another age. The Ironbridge Gorge Museum embraces six main sites but it is on the 30 acres at Blisits Hill that visitors can re-enact history. Walk past Mr Walley's saw mill, where he and his cloth-capped apprentices hand-saw garden irugs (for Heals),

make garden benches and tiny coffins, a subtle reminder of the grim facts of 19th-century life. Buy pasties at George Jesse's butcher shop, costing rather more than the advertised prime steak at 8d a pound, or take a pint at the New Inn. Watch candles being made by Mr Thomas Trevor and his mob-hatted wife; wonder at the molten metal poured in the jobbing foundry — and buy a poster printed in the new technology of its time. Such is the atmosphere of Blisits Hill that families arrive dressed for the experience. Others organize educational trips and are met by Mr David Littlemore, Ironbridge's education officer, attired in

WARWICKS Edge Hill Distance: 4 miles It was on October 23, 1642 that the bells of Radway Church sounded as the Royalist troops of Charles occupied Edge Hill to spy on the forces of the Earl of Essex. The King was anxious to go battle and left the strategic position for the first bloody fight of the Civil War. (The actual site is out of bounds in an army camp.) The escarpment was not then wooded. Today at autumn time the hanging beeches have a magical beauty. Opposite the church (re-restored 1866) go along the "no

through road". Nearby is Radway Grange occupied in 1642 by the Washingtons — the same family as the American president. A path leads to Edge Hill — the inn is in a folly battlemented tower (perhaps based by Sanderson Miller in 1750 on the Gray's Tower of Warwick Castle.) A good track hugs the escarpment south-west and past a farm to the A422. Turn left. Beyond a junction there is a path across fields and past the 17th-century Upton House (National Trust). Lanes go to Ratley (more attractive than the name suggests, made of Horton

stone with a 13th-century church). By the road junction a path starts down steps — then you can speed like King Charles's men over the pastures to Radway. Richard Shurrey

THAMESDAY: Numerous events on the river and along the South Bank include barge, jet ski and power boat races, an RAF search and rescue display, the Red Arrows and Marlborough Air Display Team; free foyer music from 12.30-6pm at the Royal Festival Hall and in Hungerford Gardens; grand fireworks display at 8.30pm followed by jazz from 9-10.15pm. Free entry to the Hayward Gallery from 3pm. South Bank, London SE1 (further information 01-838 3641). Today, noon-10.30pm. Most events free.

SUBWAY TUESDAY: To mark the 50th anniversary of the Crystal Palace fire, a day of continuous entertainment including music, dance, street theatre, film and video presentations, stalls and refreshments. Also a rare opportunity to see the subway of Crystal Palace, designed by Sir Charles Barry in 1861 to resemble the crypt of a medieval cathedral, which carried visitors from the railway station into the palace.

OUTINGS Crystal Palace Parade, London SE19 (further information 01-653 4050/6825). Tomorrow, 11am-6pm. Adult 80p, child 50p. RARE BREEDS: All 42 rare breeds represented in over 1,000 head of stock — cattle, pigs, sheep, goats — and 1,500 head of poultry. Here you can see — or buy — Gloucester Goldspins, White-faced Woodlands, British Whites or Golden Guernseys, and find out how to set about rearing and marketing your own rare breeds. National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Warwickshire (further information 0203 51141). Today, 9am-5pm. Free. Car park £2.

12th ENGLISH VINEYARD WINE FESTIVAL: Displays and tastings of English wine and an opportunity to look at the vineyards and wine-making equipment. Traditional English food for sale. English Wine Centre, Drusillas Corner, Alfriston, East Sussex (further information 0225 870532). Today, Tomorrow. COUNTRYSIDE CAYALCADE: 12 heavy horse classes, a goat and poultry show, hitchhiking competition plus a country dance festival and craft fair with items for sale and various crafts being demonstrated. Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset (further information 0749 62211). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm. Adult £1.50, child 50p. BEAMISH STEAM DAY: Many of the museum's fine exhibits in steam — including locomotives, traction engines and tractors. Also 50 commercial vehicles on display, and wherever possible, in running order. Beamish North of England Open Air Museum, Beamish Hall, Stanley, County Durham (0207 231811). Tomorrow, 10am-6pm. Adult £2.95, child £1.55.

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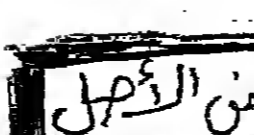
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THE TIMES COOK

Cracking open the poached egg and vinegar debate

Diana Lansbury



Follow the advice of Eliza Acton rather than Elizabeth David

I have been having a bit of trouble with poached eggs lately. Not home poached eggs, which have been fine, in fact rather better than before since farm chilled eggs came to town.

The only difference I could spot was that the white of the plus vinegar egg was more ragged than its oo vinegar control.

Eliza Acton's instructions for poaching eggs have not been bettered. Take for this purpose a wide and delicately clean pan about half filled with the clearest spring-water, throw in a small salt-spoonful of salt, and place it over a fire quite free of smoke.

"Break some new-laid eggs into separate cups, and do this with care, that the yolks may not be injured. When the water boils, draw back the pan, glide the eggs gently into it, and let them stand until the whites appear almost set, which will be in about a minute then without shaking them, move the pan over the fire, and just simmer them for two minutes and a half to three minutes.

"Lift them out separately with a slice, trim quickly off the ragged edges, and serve them upon dressed spinach, or upon minced veal, turkey or chicken; or dish them for an invalid, upon delicately toasted bread, sliced thick, and freed from crust: it is an improvement to have the bread-hutted, but it is then less wholesome."

In these days of muesli breakfasts, eggs for their own sake have moved to Sunday brunch, lunch or supper. Here poached eggs have a place in all manner of savoury concoctions. Try some of these:

● Globe artichoke bases as shallow cups for poached eggs, topped with a light hollandaise sauce.

● Smoked finnan haddock poached in milk and topped with a poached egg. Alternatively the haddock may be flaked, topped with a poached egg and a good spoonful of cream.

● Puff pastry vol au vent cases filled with poached eggs and a bechamel sauce flavoured with ham and mushrooms.

● Poached eggs on creamed spinach, topped with cheese sauce and a little grated cheese and browned.

● Poached eggs served on portions of Swiss rösti potatoes browned in small omelette pans.

● Big, open mushrooms filled with chopped baccos or ham and poached eggs.

Shona Crawford Poole

EATING OUT

The price is right, but is the meal?

Memories of set menus abroad... may lead to expensive bills at home, advises Jonathan Meades

You have now been back from France for, let us say, a couple of weeks. Your resolution to eat nothing but undressed green leaves and minimal amounts of steamed fish for a month was a natural one and you did well to adhere to it for the day that you spent unpacking. But your thoughts are now turning to the three toque place outside Bordeaux where you both ate sumptuously from the fixed menu and still had change from 400 francs.

The answer, on paper, is that you can do it at lunch-time, in those few restaurants which are both fit to play in the major French league and offer a fixed-price menu which costs a fraction of an à la carte meal.

The answer, in practice, is that you cannot do it at all. One reason is the cost of wine - fine wines are not much dearer in London than in France but the London restaurateur has no opportunity to offer a reasonably priced regional petit vin, and everyday wines are much dearer than in France.

Theo there is the imaginative pricing of mineral water and coffee; the creatively dressed salad of hidden extras; the entirely questionable practice of offering a "two choices per course" menu and having one of the choices in such short supply that it has run out just after 1pm - giving no choice or forcing the customer to choose from the carte.

Such was the case at La Tante Claire who also get the feeling that the clientele is being pushed towards the carte by the remaining entrée being duck with mandarin - or our old favourite, the mid-Channel "duck à l'orange".

Of course, when a chef of Pierre Koffman's reputation serves up a dish such as this you suspect that what you're getting is something worth having. One should not be harsh, though - we were offered, and accepted, the impromptu alternative of the duck sauced in wine; and a salad of foie gras was provided for a non fish-eater. This was lovely, as was a ravioli the size of a saucer, stuffed with squid.

But the duck's skin was flaccid, the subcutaneous fat was thick and its breast was predictably, sliced up as though for a child; the sauces were first rate, the mandarin one being a world away from the marmalade type normally associated with this dish.



his restaurant is most handsome, with its sailwood and chrome. It is also a lesson for those who go in search of a bargain and end up paying £58.50.

The very smooth service at La Tante Claire is overseen by a couple of blazered waiters who recall the comedy duo Hale and Pace.

At the Four Seasons in the Inn on the Park, the waiters, dressed in a variant of British Rail uniform, belong to a different level of popular entertainment. Their pressing keenness to sell you extras to the set menus is barely comic and suggests that they are oo commission. Would Sir like a glass of champagne, perhaps a glass of port, some cheese? Yes, he would indeed. But no, he doesn't want to pay £5.80, £5.50, £3.75 respectively.

A half bottle of a less than exciting 1978 troisieime cru St Julien, Chateau Lagrange, was no bargain at £12.50 and £2.80 for a glass of a conventional "wine" called Eisberg was a little strong.

All this detracts from the unflinching excellence of the cooking. There's a menu at £16 - the one that prompted the order of Eisberg - which included an interesting salad of rather homogeneous smoked fish.

The £15.70 menu demonstrates indisputably that the chef here, Philippe Boulot, is of the first division. His "rage" of langoustines may have a silly name but it's a dish of high quality, with the fish in a reduced broth littered with celeriac, carrot and courgette. The red mullet that followed was brilliantly fresh - literally. The scales were reluctant; and its sauce of puréed pepper had nothing of that fruit's aggression about it. The sweet, a chocolate mousse, was all right.

The bill was £69; both it and the meal it afforded were indicators of what you could eat and what you could spend here if you were to put your mind to it.

La Tante Claire 68 Royal Hospital Road, SW3 (01-352 6045). Open Mon-Fri, noon-2pm and 7-11pm. Four Seasons The Inn on the Park, Hamilton Place W1 (01-499 0888). Open every day, noon-3pm and 7-11pm.

DRINK

Traditional virtues and treasures of the New World

Bargains from a small shop in Barnes and a big national chain

My idea of the perfect wine shop is one where the wines are first class, the selection eclectic and wide, the prices reasonable, the atmosphere traditional yet spacious and the service attentive without being pushy. Too much to ask for? I think I may have found it.

The Barnes Wine Shop at 51 High Street, Barnes, London SW13, opened more than a year ago and already welcoming residents from the area are wondering how they managed without it. On the evening I visited this airy, barrel-boarded place with its welcoming window display of books and bottles, there was a steady stream of customers clamouring for cold bottles of Australian Chardonnay, inexpensive Italians and a fancy bottle or two of red for a smart dinner.

Francis Murray, the youthful owner who came into the wine trade via a stint in the police force, was coping with ease.

It is not just Mr Murray's calmness and obvious good taste in kitting out the shop in a traditional yet stylish manner, complete with tasting area and a small but growing library of good wine books, but his great good sense in hiring James Rogers as a wine consultant. Mr Rogers, previously with his family firm Cullens, is one of Britain's top wine buyers and he has put together another stunner of a list for the Barnes shop.

Where else would you get the best Bourgogne Passetougrains I've ever tasted, a bargain "Chablis" made from as yet unclassified three-year-old vines, plus a tremendous New World wine list - and much more.

The Bourgogne Passetougrains comes from Vallet Frères and would make an excellent September red, made from a blend of Pinot Noir and Gamay grapes, its rich, ripe, smoky nose and soft, spicy fruit could cope easily with both the last of the warm weather and the first of the cold. At £5.95 a bottle, this Passetougrains is the best red burgundy I know at the moment and should not be missed.

In the unlikely event of an Indian summer this year, the Barnes shop has a delightful Alsace rose on offer from the Turckheim co-operative, at £3.95.

The label says '85 Pinot Noir but ignore that. This wine, like most Alsace Pinot Noirs, is more of a rose than a red. I much enjoyed its pale red hue and deliciously light, raspberry and strawberry fruit. Served at room temperature on a cold day and slightly chilled on a hot one, it is one of the most attractive roses I've tasted this year.

Christopher Tatham is a well-known name in the English wine trade and James Rogers has been clever enough to obtain several bargains buys from him for the shop at Barnes. The best is a white Vin de Table called 1985 Christopher Tatham Monopole, made by La Chablisienne, the famous Chablis co-operative.

This classy, green-gold wine with its smoky bouquet and delicious clean-cut, grassy palate, is the product of three-year-old Chablis vines from a superb vintage that next year will be allowed to carry the official Chablis name tag and no doubt twice the price.



Good taste: Francis Murray

Australian wines are becoming an increasingly familiar sight on British wine shop shelves. Whether their sales take off to the same way as Californian wines will be interesting to watch. Cheaper ranges of varietal wines at around £3.50-£4 are being introduced here rapidly from big Australian names like Orlando and Tollana.

Even so, I was surprised this week to taste an elegantly labelled Australian foursome, from the Hill-Smith Barossa valley stable, very reasonably priced at £2.69 each.

All four are available from Oddhins who, by rights, should sell their stock quickly.

How they can ship these wines from Australia and still make a profit is a mystery but no doubt the current South Australian wine glut has something to do with it. The quality of two of the wines in the range is superb, representing a taste for which most palates would pay twice the price. My favourite is the 1980 Shiraz Cabernet, whose garnet red colour and warm, spicy-cedary nose backed by lots of soft fruit is a revelation, especially since I am normally enamoured of this Australian wine style.

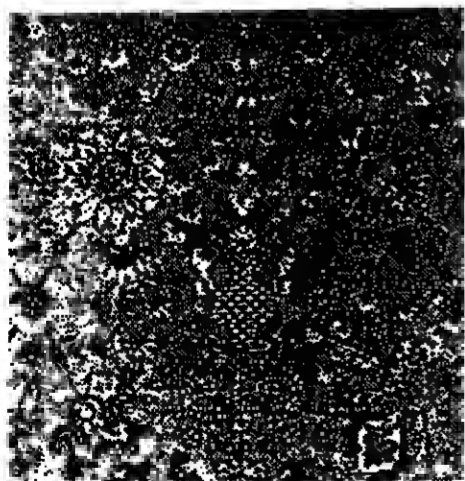
The best white is the '85 Semillon Chenin Blanc, whose citrus bouquet and rich, huttery-fruity palate is a delight. A crisp, asidesed almost Muscat-like '85 Riesling, plus a light, juicy '84 Shiraz Malbec, completes the range.

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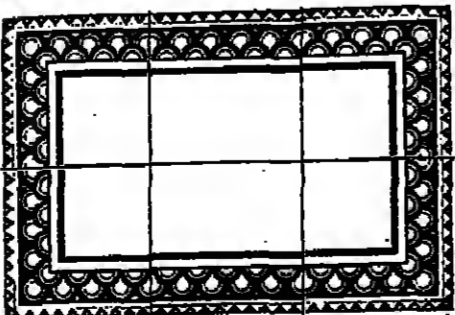
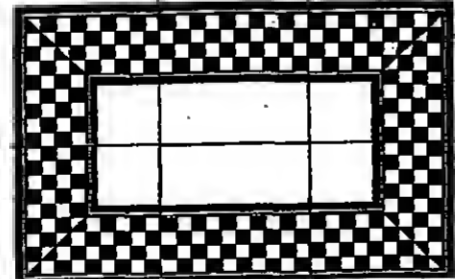
SHOPPING

Something is stirring underfoot

Patterns emerge again as people shake off restricted choice of floor coverings



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Change is afoot in interior decoration. Pattern is making a comeback.

The effect, though, is far removed from the bad old days of carpet design typified by splashy giant oak leaves. For traditional rooms there are richly coloured antique Persian designs, for modern ones there are small, neat geometrics.

Customers are now much more aware of design possibilities and their increased appreciation has resulted in a turn-round for the flagging trade. Bill Maysmith, design director of Stoddards, the Scottish carpet company which this year won the first Design Council award to a carpet company for many years, believes that giving the customer more choice has been one of the main reasons for the improvement.

Previously the retailers would make their choice of a few rolls of carpet from a wide range available which meant that in effect they were deciding what the public would see. Now that they can no longer afford to stock whole rolls of carpet, the manufacturers are providing cut lengths and the shops are able to show the entire range - the customer can see everything that is available. Carpet remains the most popular floor covering in this country with customers in the middle to top end of the market being prepared to pay extra to avoid the commonplace.

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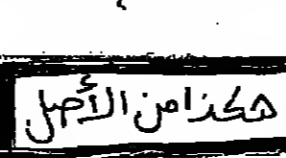
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ON THE AIR

By Peter Waymark

Emotions under scrutiny

BOOKS IN BRIEF

The Nice and the Good by Iris Murdoch (Penguin, £2.95) The formula is familiar...

Stone Virgin by Barry Unsworth (Penguin, £2.95) Simon Raikes is a conservation expert who comes to Venice to repair the stonework of a 15th-century statue...

Family and Friends by Anita Brookner (Fried Grafton, £2.50) Anita Brookner describes here how family life distorts as well as supports the individuality of its members...

Floating Down To Camelot by David Benedictus (Futura, £3.50) There is something odd about this novel. It seems like an enormous word puzzle...

How to do a bad man well? How did Teddy get like that? For a start his Mom (who doesn't tolerate any suffering, long or otherwise) has a parrot called Baddy which would peck the seal out of the red top of her lips and eat it without thinking twice...



Army life: an illustration of "Tom Rattleton receiving a report" in a leisurely fashion

Catalyst of the regiment

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Bad man tells good tales

boyfriend's eyes at moments of tenderness. In common with Keats, Teddy has the capacity to empathize with birds; however in Teddy's case only to the extent of the parrot's desire to peck his eyes out...

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Punches and poetry

FILMS ON TV

Martin Scorsese's Raging Bull, which gets its first showing on British television today (Channel 4, 10.55pm-1.10am), is a demonstration that there is more to boxing movies than the Rocky series.

Indeed the fight game is only the starting point for an examination of a man and an era, carried out with Scorsese's characteristic mixture of astuteness and sympathy. The "Bull" is Jake La Motta, an American middleweight from the Bronx who briefly, in the 1940s, held the world championship, lost it and went downhill and found a sort of redemption reciting Shakespeare in a night club.

It is a boxing story that has been repeated many times over with other poor boys who have had their transient glory and been unable to cope with fame. But Scorsese has given it a particular pungency. His main ally is the actor Robert De Niro, whose magnificent portrayal of La Motta rightly won an Oscar. This is a portrait in the round and in depth, of a violent, paranoid figure for whom the histrionics of the ring were often duplicated in his private life.

Sounds of horror

RADIO

Using a montage of sounds and voices presented without commentary, Not All Blood and Bandages (Radio 4, Thurs, 7.40-8.40pm) explores the quiet heroism of nursing sisters during the Second World War.

Hastened to the front lines and pathetically short of equipment, they choked back the horror of mutilated bodies and worked impossible hours. They coped, most of them, way beyond the call of duty. Chekhov's The Seagull is the second play in the Globe Theatre season (Radio 4, tomorrow, 2.30-4pm) with the action moved to the West of the Ireland in the 1890s. Anna Massey plays the famous actress returning to her estranged family and family intrigue.

For the last 20 years or so The White Train (Radio 4, today, 4-4.45pm) has been travelling America carrying nuclear warheads with five times the fire-power of the bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima. And everywhere it goes, as Margaret Horsfield's documentary explains, anti-nuclear protesters are there. A radio perennial, Round Britain Quiz, is back next week (Radio 4, Wed, 6.30-7pm) with the resident team of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn once more exercising their crossword puzzle minds.

Black gold and liquid notes

The trouble with oil, as a new Channel 4 series points out, is that there is always too much of it or too little. That is the key to its history.

Oil (Mon, 10-11pm) is an eight-part collaboration between Grampian Television and NRK of Norway which traces the black fluid from Edwin L. Drake to Sheikh Yamani and Saddam Hussein. Drake, the American pioneer, guessed wrong and went best leaving the field to the ruthlessly successful John D. Rockefeller. Private archive film fleshes out the Rockefeller story in the first of what promises to be a strong series.

IN THE GARDEN

Trained for a fruitful crop

Being burgled produced nothing like the sense of violation I felt early this spring when my garden came under assault from some bullocks who broke out of a neighbouring field. I had not previously realized how attached I was to this small, awkwardly shaped, often unruly piece of land. We repaired the lawn and the brick paths, replanted the gaps; summer growth has healed the gashes and I can now look on my garden with serenity. Somewhat unfashionably we maintain the local practice of having front garden vegetable plots. But I like the old-style main path with crops on one side, flowers on the other. In the flower beds, rare plants struggle alongside the lush commoners: lady's mantle, buddleia and ground ivy. I should overcome my reluctance to weed out feral plants but I don't really mind irregularity - mullins among the gooseberries, vivid flames of crocosmia flickering among the alpine strawberries, and more than a dozen baby oaks which sprouted from the last load of manure.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1047

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, September 11, 1986. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, September 13, 1986.

BRIDGE

Stamina stands on trial

The British Bridge League Trials to select the team to represent Great Britain in the European Championship, which will be held in Brighton next year, began on August 16 and finished on August 24. The field which originally consisted of six teams, played a 32 board double round robin, at which point the last two teams dropped out. The remaining teams then played a further 32 board double round robin. 512 hands in nine days, a rigorous test of stamina. The final scores, with 30 victory points at stake in each match, were: 1. J. Armstrong, G. Kirby, A. Forrester, R. Brock 149.1; 2. A. Sowler, S. Lodge, Mrs S. Landy, Mrs S. Horton 143.4; 3. S. Fishpool, D. Greenwood, D. Sheehan, G. Calderwood 138.7; 4. L. Rose, R. Smolski, R. Sheehan, J. Flint 133.4.

CHESS

Imagination and opportunity

In my series on previous challengers for the world title who did not fully succeed in occupying the throne, David Bronstein has a special place. In 1951 he fought an heroic 12-12 drawn match with Botvinnik, but a tied contest meant that the incumbent retained his title. Bronstein has often been cited as the creative precursor of Tal and Kasparov. But his play, though deeply imaginative, was too prone to blunders to succeed regularly at the very highest level. I believe, too, that Bronstein, even at his best, did not have quite the flair of Tal or Kasparov. Take, for example, the following position from game 14 of his match with Botvinnik:

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1047. ACROSS: 1 Fatty fowl tail (7,4); 9 Become too big for (7); 10 Stage (5); 11 Observe (3); 13 So much (4); 16 Coalmine waste (4); 17 Fix firmly (6); 18 Stuff (4); 20 Grass area (4); 21 Billowing clouds (6); 22 European mountains (4); 23 Willie Wonka author (4); 25 Spider's trap (3); 28 Tree plantation (15); 29 Interpretation (7); 30 Heaven's entrance (6,5). DOWN: 2 Loft (5); 3 Bound servant (4); 4 Current events (4); 5 Neck back (4); 6 Broad stirrer (7); 7 Small coins (5,4); 8 Specialised language (11); 12 Going out (6); 14 Over dramatic actor (7); 15 Lie suppliant (6); 19 Authoritative (7); 20 Cover (3). SOLUTION TO NO 1046: ACROSS: 1 Pariah; 2 Begging; 3 Ode; 4 Stress; 5 Grappa; 6 Update; 7 Slight; 8 Pregnant; 9 Oral; 10 Gnat; 11 Aerial; 12 Cat; 13 Aunty; 14 Emerge; 15 Down; 16 After; 17 Inertia; 18 Hospice; 19 Beacon; 20 Clear; 21 Slight; 22 Isolate; 23 Quet; 24 Tard; 25 Along; 26 Genoa; 27 Aback; 28 Along.

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SOLUTION TO NO 1041 (last Saturday's prize concise): ACROSS: 1 Just married; 2 Shudder; 3 Crepe; 4 Elk; 5 Arm; 6 Braver; 7 Incessant; 8 Bull; 9 Swab; 10 Stir up; 11 Wind; 12 Avarice; 13 Jan; 14 Oppose; 15 Arrogance; 16 Passion Play; 17 Down; 18 Hurt; 19 Tidy; 20 Avert; 21 Rock; 22 Eye-brow; 23 Jealous; 24 Pearl; 25 Barley; 26 Luster; 27 Lash; 28 Lash; 29 Luster; 30 Spa; 31 V and A; 32 Jess; 33 Mayo; 34 Drop.

BRIDGE. This was the bidding when the Armstrong team held the North-South cards. W N E S. Shoenen Forrester Flint Brock. No 10 No 20 No 30 No 40. No 2 No 30 No 40 No 50. No 3 No 30 No 40 No 50. No 4 No 30 No 40 No 50.

BRIDGE. When the clubs broke 4-1, 12 tricks were the limit. In the other room, Rose and Smolski were more adventurous. W N E S. A'wing Rose Kirby Smolski. No 10 No 20 No 30 No 40. No 2 No 30 No 40 No 50. No 3 No 30 No 40 No 50. No 4 No 30 No 40 No 50.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



FILMS REEL LIFE: Alan Alda, Hawkeye of television's M\*A\*S\*H, is writer, director and star (with Michael Caine) of Sweet Liberty (PG), a comedy about a college teacher who has his book on the American Revolution filmed by Hollywood. Empire (01-437 1234), from Friday.



THEATRE LORCA REVIVED: Joan Plowright stars with Glenda Jackson and Patricia Hayes in Federico Garcia Lorca's tragedy The House of Bernarda Alba, directed by the Spanish actress, Nuria Espert. Lyric Hammersmith (01-741 2311), from Monday after previews.



CONCERTS SACRED VERDI: Marek Janowski makes his first appearance at the 1986 Proms to conduct the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Edinburgh Festival Chorus in Verdi's Four Sacred Pieces and Mahler's Symphony No 5. Royal Albert Hall (01-589 8212), tomorrow, 7.30pm.



GALLERIES FIRST DRAFTS: Pablo Picasso filled 175 sketchbooks with 70,000 drawings, even before he got round to wielding his brush and chisel. These very personal reference books can be seen for the first time at the Royal Academy (01-734 9052), from Thursday.



BOOKS DOWN UNDER: Howard Jacobson has as the hero of his new comic novel, Redback, one Karl Leon Forriock, a Cambridge graduate sent to Sydney on a CIA bursary to stem the tide of Australian liberalism. It is published on Thursday by Bantam at £10.95.



DANCE HANS AND LEGS: Samira Saidi, tall and coolly beautiful, has her first big leading role in the title part of The Snow Queen. David Bintley's new ballet based on the Hans Andersen story. Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, Covent Garden (01-240 1066), from Tuesday.

TIMES CHOICE

DANCE SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: A two-week Covent Garden season opens with the London premiere of The Snow Queen (Tues, Wed), then gives Swan Lake Thurs-Sat 15 with several different casts. Today, the company completes its Cambridge season with two performances of a mixed bill including two established favourites, Checkmate, and Pineapple Polka. The Big Top, Jesus Green, Cambridge (0223 68848), Covent Garden (01-240 1066). GABY AGIS: Presents a new work at Riverside (Tues-Sept 14) for herself and four other dancers, with music written and played by Mark Springer of the band Rip, Rig and Fonic. Riverside Studios, Hammersmith (01-748 3354).

FILMS AT CLOSE RANGE (18): A tough tale of family relationships. Strong performances from Christopher Walken and Sean Penn. James Foley directs. Prince Charles (01-437 8161), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), Cannon Heymarket (01-839 1527). From Fri. THE FRINGE DWELLERS (PG): The joys and sorrows of an Aboriginal family living in a Queensland shanty town. Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148), From Fri. BETTY BLUE (18): The third lecture of Diva director Jean-Jacques Beineix - a garish tale of amour fou, with screen newcomer Béatrice Dalle (above) as the devoted lover of a layabout called Zorg (Jean-Hughes Anglade). Screens on the Hill (01-435 3366), Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148), From Fri. INVADERS FROM MARS (PG): Erratic remake of the 1953 science-fiction classic. Directed by Tobie Hooper, with Hunter Carson (the boy in Paris, Texas), Karen Black, and some nightmarish monsters shaped like ostriches. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), Cannon Pantons Street (01-930 0631). From Fri.

ROCK AND JAZZ SKA ON THE COMMON: Desmond Dekker, of "007" and "Israelites" fame, leads an open-air band including the Potato 5, young blue-beat revivalists. Today (2-8 pm), The Bandstand, Clapham Common, London SW4. LOOSE TUBES: 21 members of Britain's outstanding new generation of jazz musicians. Unmissable. Tonight and Mon to Sat Sept 13, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747).

CONCERTS NOW, VOYAGER: J Maxwell Geddes's Voyager, a sort of orchestral tribute to Hayley's Comet, is heard from the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk. So za Mendelssohn's Symphony No 3 and Sibelius's Symphony No 3. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212). Today, 7.30pm. BAVARIAN BEETHOVEN: Sir Colin Davis conducts the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven's "Eroica". Symphony and Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements. Royal Albert Hall, Mon, 7.30pm. JONES THE VOICE: The Wigmore Hall commences operations for the new

THEATRE IN PREVIEW ASK FOR THE MOON: Three women clothing workers in today's East End and three rural labourers in 1840 are compared and contrasted in Shirley Gee's play, directed by John Dover. Hampstead Theatre (01-722 9301). Previews from Thurs. Opens Sep 17. TUESDAY'S CHILD: Kate Lock and Terry Johnson's comedy about an allegedly immaculate conception by a girl on a trip to

SELECTIONS I'M NOT RAPPAPORT: A rare chance to see Paul Scofield as a geniatric prankster in Herk Garland's soft-edged park-bench whinny. Apollo (01-437 2663). LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT: Jonathan Miller's quirky production of O'Neill's doomy masterpiece. Haymarket (01-930 9832). OUT OF TOWN BRISTOL: Archangel's Don't Play Pinball: Roger Rees stars in the British premiere of a 1959 "energetic satira" by Dario Fo, directed by Glen Welford. Theatre Royal Old Vic (0272 24388). Previews from Wed. Press Night Sep 16, 7.30pm. OLDHAM: Harvest in the North: 1935 drama of life during the Lancashire cotton slump, by James Landale. Huddersfield, directed by John Ratailack. Coliseum (061 624 2829). Opens Wed. SHEFFIELD: Gypsy: Meg Johnson, Roy Barraclough, Louise English, directed by Sara Vernables and Martin Duncan in the Arthur Laurents/Jule Styne/Stephen Sondheim musical based on the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee. Stratford Upon Avon: Richard II: Barry Kyle directs Jeremy Irons, Michael Kitchen, Brewster Mason, Bernard Horsfall. Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews today (matinee and evening). Mon and Tues. Opens Wed. In repertory. Thurs (matinee and evening). The Fair Maid of the West: Imelda Staunton plays Bess Bridges, a barmaid turned pirate captain turned concubine. Directed by Trevor Nunn. Swan (0789 295623). Preview Thurs, Sep 15-17, 19.22. Opens Sep 23. In repertory. Worlds Apart: Peter Whelan's adaptation of a Cuban play, by Jose Trana, centred on one woman's struggle for personal liberation. The Other Place (0789 295623). Preview today. Mon-Wed. Opens Thurs. In repertory.

SELECTIONS OPERA ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Tonight, Thurs and Sept 13 at 7pm, Jonathan Miller's Marriage of Figaro with an interestingly blended young cast: John Tomlinson in the title role, Kathryn Pope as Susanna, and Jazel Strauch as the Count. Mark Elder conducts. On Wed and Fri at 7.30pm a revival of John Copley's production of Il Trovatore. James Lockhart conducts. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: The company present their Góran Jónsson Ring at Cardiff: Valkyrie tonight at 5pm, with Kathryn Harries, Anna Evans and Penelope Walker; and, at the same time on Sept 13, Siegfried, with Anna Evans, Anne Collins and Jeffrey Lawton. Richard Armstrong conducts. New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 32446/394844).

BOOKINGS FIRST CHANCE RSC AT STRATFORD: Booking open for autumn season, with Macbeth, The Two Noble Kinsmen, The Rover, Flight, The Art Of Success, and Country Dancing. Box Office, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, Warwickshire (0789 295623). RSC AT THE BARBICAN: General public booking opens today for autumn season, with George Bernard Shaw's Messalina and Richard Nelson's Principia Scriptariae at the Pl. Also Feydeau's Scenes From A Marriage, Whiting's A Penny For A Song, Miller's The Archbishop's Calling, Nick Darra's The Dead Monkey, and Deborah Levy's

BOOKINGS LAST CHANCE CARNIVAL PHOTOGRAPHS: From the Notting Hill carnivals, 1974-85, by Newton Brown, with pictures of Peter Minshall's costumes for 1985 carnival in Trinidad. Ende tomorrow. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). RIPON HERITAGE: From before the Domesday Book to the present day, with documents, old photographs, slides, maps. Ends today. Collega of Ripon and York St John, Collega Road, Ripon (0765 2691).

When fame is a necessary evil



Neil Jordan is far happier shooting a film than accepting awards for its success. In America Neil Jordan's new film, Mona Lisa, is doing business as if it is the only movie in town. At the Cannes Film Festival it collared the Best Actor award for his star Bob Hoskins. Without the deliberate and desperate hype which has surrounded the release of some recent movies, it has generated a buzz of universal approval. Yet the film's success seems to have taken everyone by surprise: not least Hoskins, who was tending his London garden when he was urgently summoned to Cannes. flown out in a private jet and received his prize with soil still lodged under his fingernails. Writer and director Jordan, at least, is no stranger to accolades. He won the Guardian Fiction Prize in 1979 with his first collection of stories, Night in Tunisia, and in 1982 his first feature film, Angel, brought him the Evening Standard's Most Promising Newcomer award. "This is a business where you have to have some measure of success because otherwise people won't give you money," he says. "But fame is a bad thing. It turns you into an idiot." So he shuns, as far as possible, the commercial side of the business, where he is least comfortable. "The best part is just working - shooting the film. I don't feel alive unless I'm working."

London of plush hotels, strip joints and streetwalkers, the film charts the friendship between the squat ex-con (Hoskins) and the "tall, thin, black tan" (Cathy Tyson) he is employed to drive. "One thing I wanted to get into this film, which again I haven't seen in a long time, was people talking to each other in language that was rich and witty and meaningful. I miss the kind of dialogue you used to get in screenplays by 'Ben Hecht'. It is an actors' showcase, and has served to give Jordan, especially in the United States, the reputation of an actor's director. He is now being approached by some of the biggest Hollywood stars to direct their pictures. "I don't know if I'd like the relationship where an actor has almost a contractual right to govern the way he is shown on the screen. People like Clint Eastwood have more say than almost anyone. I'd love to do it but only if the relationship was what I considered the correct one." He is known to be uncompromising and enjoys almost complete control over his films. "Through guile," he insists, "not on paper", citing the battle to cast Cathy Tyson, an unknown 20-year-old who had never worked in the cinema before. Despite his reputation as a film-maker, Jordan still considers himself principally a writer and a new novel - it will be his third - is on the way. But he has also finished the script of his next film, Ghost Town, which starts shooting in the new year. "I like working through different genres of cinema. My first film was a thriller. The Company of Wolves was a fantasy and Mona Lisa I consider a love story." Ghost Town, set in Ireland, is a supernatural farce about human beings who fall in love with dead people. "I hope," he says gravely, "that it will be funny". Anna Kytthroitis. Mona Lisa (18) is at the Odeon Haymarket (01-9302738).

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ARTS DIARY

A super market The future of Sutton Place is still shrouded in mystery. At the end of the month it will be sold for around £10 million by its present owner, American multi-millionaire Stanley Seegar. He bought it in 1980 for £8 million. Though spending large sums on redesigning the grounds, he sold off one piece of land for a Sainsbury supermarket for £6.5 million and another to Guildford Council. The Sutton Place Trust, set up by Seegar to promote the artistic life of the Tudor mansion were not told about the house's impending sale and as one member, Viscount Norwich tells me: "The first I knew about the sale was what I read in the papers. Nobody's told me anything. I am a little surprised, to say the least". The trustees, who included Sir Hugh Casson, Nancy Balfour, Sir Peter Scott, and Sir Roy Strong, met at regular intervals to discuss the house's artistic programme but Lord Norwich says he has not been invited to a meeting for three to four years. "I expect Seegar just got bored", he concludes. Seegar will be anything but bored with the proceeds from the sale. Meanwhile, all his staff await their fate and new owner with trepidation.

Cello peril

It's a hard life on the road for a classical musician. A cellist from the London Festival Orchestra, who understandably prefers to remain anonymous, is still smarting from the pain and embarrassment of being knocked out by her own sheet music. The music, in a sharp comical case, fell from the rack in the orchestra's bus as it left Aberdeen for Glasgow on its recent tour of Cathedral cities. The LFO set off with a new concert tour of Cathedrals next week - audiences should beware low-flying scores.

Hot casting

While others may doubt it, there is still room for another film from the Indian sub-continent, according to producer Judith de Paul, and she is going to make it - on the life of Indira Ghandi. Judith is in a cleft stick - choose an American star like Anne Bancroft to play one of the most powerful women this century?

Pricey paint

Only a minor disappointment for Roger Hallett and his Bath Panoramia, a 200 feet Britain's longest painting on canvas, as it awaits erection in the city's Royal Victoria Park. Actress Jane Seymour came to see it and amid much popping of flash bulbs indicated she'd like her face to be part of the mural. One snag - everyone who appears on the canvas becomes a share holder - for a price. In Miss Seymour's case she was told it was £500. Hallett is still waiting for her call. Christopher Wilson







Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

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US jobless rate falls

The United States unemployment rate declined last month after a forecast of a rise, providing a glimmer of hope that the economy is beginning to bounce back.

Persimmon, the York housebuilder, is raising £6.5 million through a rights issue to finance further expansion.

Hollis, the educational supplies and timber company controlled by Mr Robert Maxwell, made pretax profits of £1.02 million in the first half of 1986.

Industrial Finance and Investment Corporation is raising £2 million through a rights issue at 75p a share.

Investors in Yorkshire Television switched on to a fat profit yesterday when dealings got underway on the stock market.

Sketchley has agreed to sell its US diaper operation for \$8.0 million (£5.4 million) to a consortium led by Mr Jack Mogavero.

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Gold price jumps \$14 to close at three-year high

The price of gold reached a three-year high in Europe and New York yesterday, closing at \$420.50 an ounce in London, up \$14 on the previous close, and up \$14.80 on the overnight closing price on the New York Commodity Exchange.

California relaxes unitary tax law

British companies are to be allowed to escape unitary taxation under legislation passed in California, last night. The move was welcomed by the Treasury and British businessmen.

Guinness Peat buys specialist jobber

Guinness Peat, the banking group, said yesterday that it has acquired S Jenkins, the specialist stock jobber, for an undisclosed sum.



Sir Derrick: "We've got what we wanted at half the price."

Comtech reverts to motor industry

Combined Technologies Corporation (Comtech) is abandoning its attempt to develop new high-technology ideas and will concentrate on its profitable vehicle-distributing subsidiary, Trimoco.

Clark orders cement review

A full review of all possible steps to prevent unfair competition with the UK cement industry, has been ordered by Mr Alan Clark, the Trade Minister.

Allied clinches Hiram Walker deal for £600m

Allied-Lyons, the food and drink conglomerate, last night gained control of Hiram Walker, the big Canadian wine and spirit business, for a little more than £600 million.

Peat Marwick stresses importance of BES

A survey published yesterday by Peat Marwick Mitchell, the accountancy firm, highlights the importance of the business expansion scheme (BES) to the over-the-counter markets.

500,000 no votes at Extel invalidated, says bank

Henry Ansbacher & Co, the merchant bank, has found another four institutions and three individuals who claim to have voted against the resolutions to acquire Dealers Digest at the Extel extraordinary general meeting last Friday.

Europe: go for the encore.

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WALL STREET

Oil shares help Dow make early headway

New York (Agencies) - Wall Street shares quickly erased a sell-off in early trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 5.07 points at 1,924.78, after dropping about six points at the opening bell.

The market was again helped by shares of oil companies, whose strength gave a boost to the market on Thursday.

Advancing issues were leading losing issues by a margin of six to five, on a volume of 102,502 million shares.

Chevron was the most active issue, up 1/4 to 46 1/2, while IBM fell 1/4 to 139 1/4.

Table with columns for stock symbols and prices. Includes entries for AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, etc.

Jordan orders \$100m IAE engines for airbus

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A \$100 million (£66.8 million) order for the five-nation V2500 turbo fan engine, to which Britain's Rolls-Royce has a 30 per cent stake, was announced yesterday by Alia, the Jordanian airline.

The order, which coincided with a visit to the Farnborough Air Show by King Hussein of Jordan, is for engines to power the airline's new fleet of 150-seater Airbus A320s.

Alia has ordered six A320s, with delivery beginning in 1990 and a further four, also powered by the V2500, are on option.

Mr Ali Ghandour, chairman and chief executive of Alia, said it was estimated the V2500 would save the airline about a million gallons of fuel each year compared with the American General Electric engine which was also evaluated.

The order is the second biggest to be received by the International Aero Engines consortium for the V2500.

The IAE shareholders are Rolls-Royce and Pratt & Whitney of the US, each with 30 per cent, MTU of West Ger-

Comtech throws in the high-technology towel

TEMPUS

Combined Technologies Corporation (Comtech) is giving up its five-year struggle to turn itself into a high-technology company and will concentrate on its original motor business, Trimoco.

Comtech was originally created in 1981 out of Trico's non-oil businesses, comprising a well-established commercial division and a newer product development division.

Comtech's story has been a depressing series of five loss-making years during which many of its profitable businesses were sold off to feed the insatiable appetite for cash of the products under development.

Some of the projects were doubtless good, but the timeframes for development were too long and the necessary cash resources too great for a company of Comtech's size.

It is in recognition of this reality that yesterday's package was announced. After another year of losses, £8 million to March 31 compared with £13 million last year, Comtech is throwing in the towel.

It will raise between £5 million and £7 million through a convertible rights issue, retaining a small interest in three or four projects which will not entail spending any more money but which may come good one day, and it will concentrate on vehicle sales and leasing.

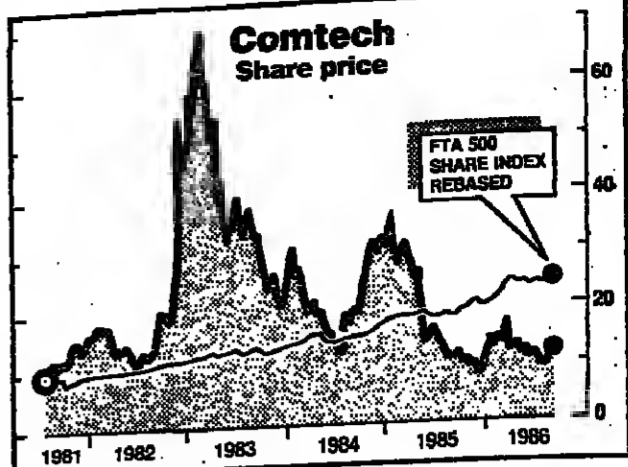
Renamed Trimoco, it will in future be found listed in the motors section of the Stock Exchange Official List rather than in the industrial section.

Over the years, Trimoco has been a steady sort of business, generating £2 to £2.5 million of profits annually. After the restructuring, the only debt outstanding will be the convertible.

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pears to be worth at least its present price of 11 1/2p. And 11 1/2p is better than nothing.

Life is never dull with Captain Bob at the helm. The minority shareholders in Hollis, which is 82 per cent owned by Mr Robert Maxwell, last year nearly found themselves the owners of Sinclair Research.

More recently, their company agreed to buy a clutch of Pergamon businesses for £30 million, catapulting their group into a different league.

Although still subject to the whims of its master, the oeu acquisitioos, combined with Solicitors Law, make the company a big supplier of goods and services to the professions and educational establishments.

The loss-making furniture and timber interests now look almost incidental, but a new joint managing director has been appointed to square their future.

Dividends are being restored this year after a five-year gap. Further acquisitions to professional services are clearly planned and the shares, up 3p at 90p, are selling at a premium for excitement.

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persimmon's average selling price of £40,000 has increased by 20 per cent. The directors are backing the rights issue with £1.6 million of their own money and will maintain their majority stake, presumably confident that the prospective p/e multiple of 10 is justified by forward sales.

'Big four' prepare for Gatt

Sintra, Portugal (Reuter) - Trade officials from the European Economic Community, the United States, Japan and Canada met in Portugal yesterday to discuss efforts to liberalize world commerce.

"We will try to narrow the gaps before the Punta del Este meeting," an EEC official said, referring to a key General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade conference due to be held in Uruguay soon.

Agriculture and expanding Gatt to include service industries, investment and "intellectual property", such as registered trade marks, were discussed.

Senior officials from all four trading partners stressed that the discussions were informal and unlikely to produce any specific changes.

"We cannot expect any breakthroughs but the least we can hope for is a better understanding of each other's positions," said an American spokesman.

Agriculture, particularly farm export subsidies, was one of the sticking points at the discussions. The EEC's policy of underwriting its farmers was attacked by the US and Canada and other big farm product exporters wanting to

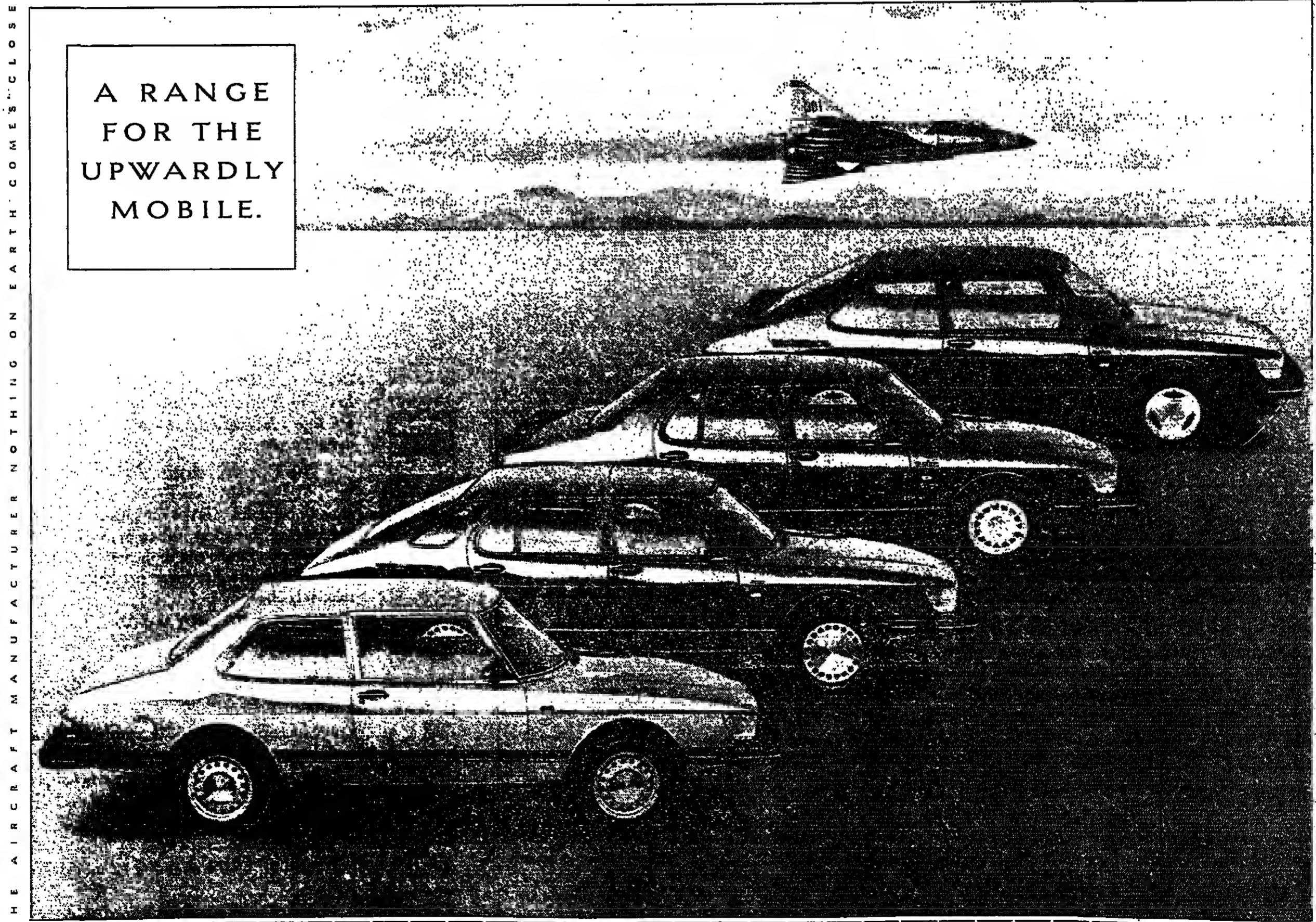
have such agricultural supports abolished under the Gatt negotiations.

"It is wrong to imagine we can attack the problem only in the area of export subsidies. What we need to examine is overall agricultural policy," an EEC official said.

The US is also determined that service industries, such as tourism and transport, trade investment and intellectual property should be included in Gatt and is concerned that the EEC is more likely to seek a compromise with big developing countries who are resisting the move, officials said.

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# Equities fall under shadow of new wave of terrorism

By Michael Clark

News of the Karachi hijacking and fears of a new wave of terrorism brought celebrations on the world's stock markets to an abrupt end yesterday.

Share prices in London had opened in a jubilant mood following the overnight performance on Wall Street that had seen the Dow Jones industrial average hit a new peak.

Someone is building up a stake in Agnascium, the quality clothing group.

Among investors who had been keen to chase share prices sharply higher for most of the week.

The FT index of 30 shares, having opened 8.5 up, saw its lead slowly whittled away and after hours it was just 1.1 higher.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Three Month Sterling	90.18	90.18	90.10	90.12	257
Dec 86	90.08	90.08	90.03	90.09	213
Mar 87	90.15	90.15	90.10	90.12	172
Jun 87	90.33	90.33	90.23	90.27	100
Dec 87	90.27	90.27	90.17	90.23	8

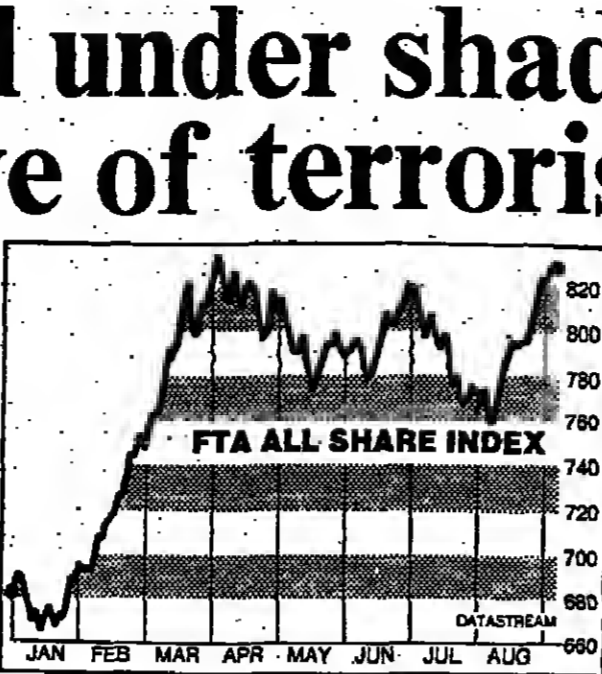
## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

	Market rates	Market rates	Market rates	Market rates
Argentine austral	1,5483-1,5520	Inland	1,3515-1,3545	
Australian dollar	2,4290-2,4334	Singapore	2,1820-2,1840	
Belgian franc	0,5525-0,5535	Switzerland	1,4485-1,4500	
British pound	2,0510-2,0514	US dollar	1,6475-1,6485	
Canadian dollar	0,7350-0,7360	Hong Kong dollar	1,0775-1,0785	

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Series	Call	Put	Series	Call	Put
Alfred Lyons (240)	300 43 57 87 8 7 90	300 22 35 48 38 15 18	Jaycar (240)	500 42 60 70 8 15 25	550 13 33 47 23 38 40
BP (688)	500 148 183 175 1 5 14	500 80 98 105 10 18 28	Thorpe Hill (240)	100 105 112 1 2 8	480 90 75 85 14 7 10

## STOCK MARKET REPORT



FTA ALL SHARE INDEX showing a steady upward trend from January to August.

At which the shares were offered in July. Anglia Television "A" spurred 11p to 271p, along with TV South 3p to 240p.

## RECENT ISSUES

Company	Price	Quantity
Harrison (150p)	182	105-1
Hila Ergon (62p)	90	
Hughes Food (20p)	26 1/2	

## RIGHTS ISSUES

Company	Price	Quantity
Adfran BK N/P	22-22	
Adfrank BK N/P	21-21	
Berkley Tech N/P	217	

## OTHER STERLING RATES

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Switzerland	1,4485-1,4500

## MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Series	Call	Put
Lloyds (224)	200 31 42 48 6 11	200 17 28 35 16 21
Tri 1 1/4% 1991 (2108)	105 2	108 1

# COMMENT

## Surging share prices pause for gold

A potentially euphoric end to another good week on stock markets ended on a sour note yesterday in New York and, to a lesser extent, in London.

There was something uncomfortable about gold prices recovering so strongly at the same time as share prices.

It is, however, hard to see the momentum of share prices being broken yet.

## Banking's novelty factor

What does it take to be a high flyer in the modern banking game of securitization, in which loans are packaged into tradeable securities?

One recent example of Euromarket innovation is a new issue of securitized US car loans, probably early next week, by Salomon Brothers.

Meanwhile, Lord Hanson has made no secret of his desire to obtain a listing for Hanson's shares on the New York stock market.

Economic psychology has much in common with British weather; gloom can as suddenly turn back to optimism, for instance on evidence that the delayed benefits of cheaper oil are beginning to show in the German economy, the key to Europe.

This causes something of a problem for de Zoete, a broking firm justly famous for taking a long view of markets.

British banks, though some are large in capital terms, can almost certainly not compete with the Japanese if it comes to throwing money around.

WYNDHAM GROUP: Dividend 1.8p (1.5p) for the year to March 31. Turnover £2.22 million (£2.6 million). Pretax profit £189,000 (£111,000). Earnings per share 7.7p (4.98p) and after extraordinary item 0.86p.

FORD AND WESTON GROUP: Half-year to March 30. Turnover £18.48 million.

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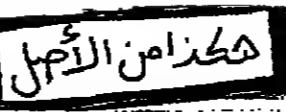
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## TSB fever: Is it all on the surface?

### SHARES

How close are we to a share-owning democracy? What difference will the sales of the TSB and British Gas make? And will it all be changed after the Big Bang? These are the questions that are being asked, particularly this week.

We are in danger of being swamped by "people's shares". The TSB issue, for which lucky account holders had to register priority by last night, claims that title, as did British Telecom, people's share of 1984.

The TSB certainly has a substantial following. More than 2.89 million inquiries have been logged by the TSB information office. This is a huge figure when one considers that the full prospectus and application form have not even been published.

But are we really nearer a wider public interest in shares, or is everyone simply attracted to the razzamatazz of bowler hats and cartoon birds? The publicity campaigns for the big issues have been admirable in their way. The TSB claims that more than two-thirds of the population knows about the sale, while the professionals behind British Gas say they will make 98 per cent of the population aware of their November flotation. That would probably make British Gas the most popular people's share of all.

We are certainly going to be informed about these issues, but shall we really be informed

about shares in general, and do we want to know anyway?

Although the TSB is not technically a government sell-off, it has the same objective as BT and British Gas in that it is supposed to promote wider share ownership.

The millions who subscribe to the issues will undoubtedly be share owners, unless they sell immediately, and by the end of the year the TSB and British Gas will certainly have increased the number of share owners from the 2.3 million who bought BT. Whether we shall be a share-owning democracy or a nation of subscribers to glamorous asset sales is another matter.

Some stockbrokers, banks and building societies have made brave efforts to simplify the business of buying and selling ordinary shares through telephone hotlines and home banking. They have met with a measure of success, but primarily through their own efforts rather than as a result of increased public interest in shares because of the privatizations and sales.

**'There has been no knock-on effect yet'**

"There has been no knock-on effect from the TSB as yet," said Peter Saunders, of Kleinwort Greaveson, whose Sharecall service effects share deals for clients over the telephone. "We've seen no recent increase in the number of clients or transactions, though we ran an advertising campaign in June and July which



Where it all started (top): Telecom shares are counted. Above: Leading figures in the TSB flotation doff the bowlers that are now familiar in the bank's advertising

yielded a very satisfactory number of new clients."

Nicholas Hunlock, of stockbrokers Hoare Govett, would agree. "There has been no ripple effect from TSB at all, though I do think more people are becoming interested in shares."

Hoare Govett's Dealercall is broadly similar to Kleinwort Greaveson's service. But the clients are hardly ordinary folk. More than half work in the City, according to Mr Hunlock.

To take a broader cross-section of the public, Barclays Bank has 7.8 million customers and offers a share-dealing service through its branches. The 7.8 million generate between 1,000 and 1,200 transactions per day. The TSB and British Gas undoubtedly costs a lot and is a cumbersome business, involving jobbers and brokers. When the Big Bang finally arrives this autumn fixed commissions on shares will be abolished and buying a share will not automatically require the services of at least two intermediaries.

Mr Saunders is sure that a reduction in costs must help

promote the popularity of shares. He looks forward "with relish to the automated settlements system which should offer a transaction of less than 1,000 shares at around £5. At present it costs a firm of brokers at least £25 to £30 to do any sort of transaction."

According to another broker, the real breakthrough for shares will definitely come with a reduction in cost brought about by technology. "Big Bang isn't the most important development at all. It is the technology to automate dealing and settlement which offers the real possibility of expanding share ownership."

**'Technology is the real breakthrough'**

But why then do we have all the fuss about the TSB and British Gas? The short answer might be because it is being made by the marketing men. The publicity campaigns are promoting the rather special "people's shares", yet a small holding in BT, British Gas and the TSB, plus possibly a few Jaguar shares, is hardly proof that we are entering an age of the share-owning democrat.

Martin Baker  
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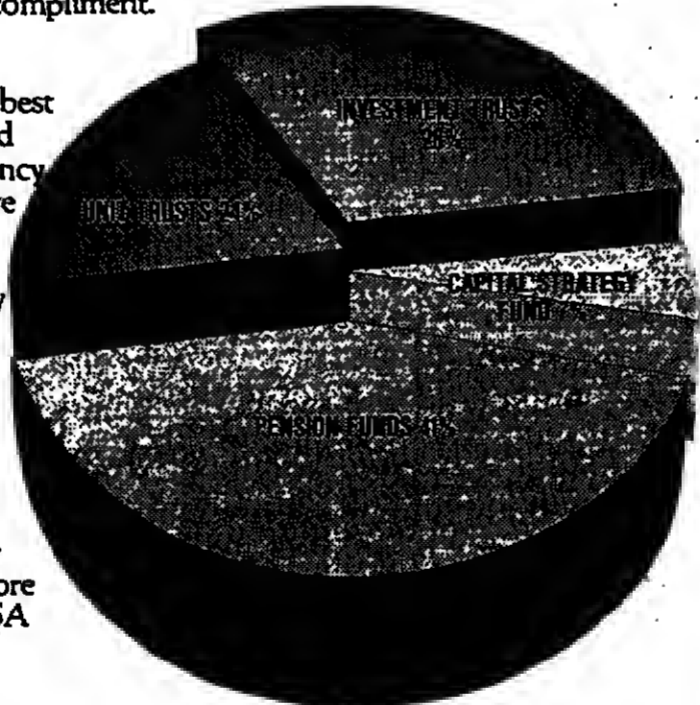
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Duty that decides damages

LITIGATION

The oft quoted expression that "the law is an ass" may have been Charles Dickens' personal view after various confrontations with the legal profession. However, the complaint would certainly have more general appeal nowadays - particularly with litigants in the United States - following some extremely eccentric decisions.

For example, a man tried last year to commit suicide by jumping in front of a train in New York. It is not known whether he took this drastic action because of personal financial problems or for some other good reason. The man, no doubt to the driver's relief, failed to kill himself but instead lost a limb or two.

After recovering sufficiently he consulted lawyers, who advised him to start proceedings against the city transit authority for negligence. He was awarded \$650,000 for his efforts.

If you find that decision incredible, what about the 19-year-old cat-burglar who fell through a skylight while trying to steal from a school in Florida? After proceedings against the school authority, an out-of-court settlement was reached giving the burglar \$260,000 together with \$1,500 a month.

Cynics might justifiably point out that the settlement was no doubt much more than he would have recovered had he been successful with his original objective. Who says crime does not pay?

Finally, there is the case of an entrant in the World's Strongest Man competition. His particular penchant was to try to run the race with a large

refrigerator strapped to his back. He had barely warmed up before he fell down and hurt his knee. Proceedings were duly started. The court awarded him more than \$1 million in damages saying the organizers had been negligent in accepting his entry.

These decisions are quite absurd. How could it possibly be said that the subway authority was negligent? American courts seem to recognize what lawyers refer to as an extremely wide duty of care, the breach of which gives rise to negligence claims.

In Britain it is far more

Sportsmen who are hurt have voluntarily taken part

restricted. In order to bring a successful claim for negligence, you have to show that a duty of care exists between the alleged wrongdoer and the person who has suffered damage. In other words, had the attempted suicide taken place on the Underground, you would have to show that London Transport owed a duty of care to the public and was careless if it did not somehow prevent you jumping in front of the train.

Britain also recognizes the concept of *volens* or consent. If you play a lawful game of sport and suffer injuries in the course of the game, you will be deemed to have consented to the act which has caused you harm. So, for example, in a boxing match, it is obvious that each participant consents to the other trying to hit him.

Criminal law is an entirely

different matter. Consent is no defence to allegations of assault - even in a contact sport such as rugby.

The refrigerator man might well have met this argument had he tried to bring proceedings in Britain even if it could be said that a duty of care existed between the organizers and the competitor.

Britain may, however, be going the way of its transatlantic friends. Readers may have noticed recent reports of the smoker who is planning to bring a claim for damages against a tobacco company because he has been diagnosed as suffering from a vascular disease believed to have been caused by smoking.

This case is somewhat different from the negligence ones because it touches on questions of product liability. It will also involve arguments about the effect of the health warning on the cigarette packs which tobacco companies argue protects them from such actions.

The social attitude to resolving disputes in the United States is vastly different from that in Britain where it is much more difficult to pursue proceedings and where this difficulty probably serves as a deterrent to all but very clear cases of serious negligence. Members of the public who hope to use litigation of this nature to bring on early retirement should be careful.

In the United States the situation is now extremely serious - particularly with the medical profession who are always being sued. No doctor can safely give even a preliminary diagnosis of an illness. Instead doctors insist on the matter going to specialists.

One 15-year-old schoolboy went to a chemist asking for eye drops after swimming in a school pool for slightly too long. Eventually he spent four days in an eye hospital before he was allowed home - all because the original chemist was too scared to provide him with eye drops in case he had got the diagnosis wrong with the subsequent risk of being sued.

What has happened to the medical profession in the United States in the past 20 years or so has been extremely worrying. If an operation turns out to be less successful

The American legal system has become a bizarre mess

than the patient or his family would have wished the surgeon is at risk of being sued - more likely than not by an "ambulance-chaser" to whom anything up to 50 per cent of the damages recovered will be payable by way of his "fees".

The resulting law suit is tried by a jury which decides the fact of liability and the quantum of the damages recoverable.

There are other solutions for compensating victims of damage. Many would advocate doing away with the concept of negligence altogether in favour of a comprehensive insurance system which would compensate the unlucky irrespective of "fault". In that way perhaps Britain can avoid the bizarre mess the American legal system seems to have become.

Jeremy Vaughan

I SUGGEST A SECOND OPINION - FROM SOMEONE WHO IS BETTER INSURED THAN I AM.



Nationwide gives next year's news

The Nationwide Building Society has revealed its plans for the building societies' Brave New Year. It is the first of the top ten societies to let us know what we can expect when the Building Societies Act comes into force in 1987. MARTIN BAKER looks ahead

There are few surprises in the Nationwide package. There may, however, be some investment opportunities over the longer term.

The new services are an obvious extension of the building societies' existing business. For example, the facility to make unsecured loans will be exploited by offering a full cheque service with guarantee card.

Many societies already offer a cheque account which is virtually indistinguishable from those of the banks.

The key difference from next year onwards will be that account holders will be able to overdraw and guarantee cheques. At present, the shopper with a building society cheque book needs a trusting or naive shopkeeper.

Another use of the unsecured credit facility will be personal loans, which can be easily added to most societies' computer systems. A computer is not bothered whether a debt is secured against a house or not.

Next year's customers can expect the Nationwide to offer

a variety of alternative savings media. Unit trusts, personal equity plans and pensions will all be available in branches.

They can also expect more competition in the high street. The links between estate agents and lenders have been growing stronger by the year - the Lloyds Bank Black Horse agency is an obvious example - but the Nationwide is now completing the acquisition of 20 firms of estate agents with 260 branches throughout the country. The estate agents may not effectively be Nationwide branches but their offices will be used to sell mortgage and insurance services at the very moment when the prospective purchaser is looking hard for the ideal property.

No conveyancing will be done by the societies. In general, they think it is too expensive.

Now for the investment opportunity. The Nationwide is not intending to relinquish its mutual status in favour of becoming a limited company. At least it is not as yet. Other societies, notably the Abbey National, have flirted more or less openly with the idea. A few pounds in the accounts of the Abbey National, the Nationwide and perhaps the Alliance-Leicester societies might see today's depositors in the position of this month's TSB "priority status" investors if the societies go public.

Now junior will get a share

The TSB is casting its nets, and the mesh is fine. Even toddlers are provided for in the issue.

If a child wants to apply it can be done through the mediator of Mum or Dad when the subscription lists open next week. The holding will be registered in the name of the minor, although the parent or guardian will hold them on trust.

The allocation is likely to be just a few hundred shares each, as the enormous interest in TSB will require a scaling-down and thinning-out of the shares. Perhaps there will be a cut-off point, as there was with BT when many people received a maximum of 800

shares. It is, therefore, quite possible that seven applications of a few hundred pounds will bring in more shares than two applications of the maximum £10,000.

Assuming the issue yields the large premiums, almost everyone anticipates it is unnecessary to stress the windfall benefits of having a large family, full of toddling TSB shareholders.

But no one is trying to suggest that the Government is trying to give us hints on its birth control policy by favouring the fertile and enthusiastic few who have the stamina to bring up a large brood.

The important point is not to get too carried away by the

TSB flotation. It is a superb investment opportunity, unique in that shareholders will still own the money they spend on shares. Subscriptions will belong to the TSB, and the shareholders will own the bank. They will pay nothing for the goodwill of the business. It is being given away.

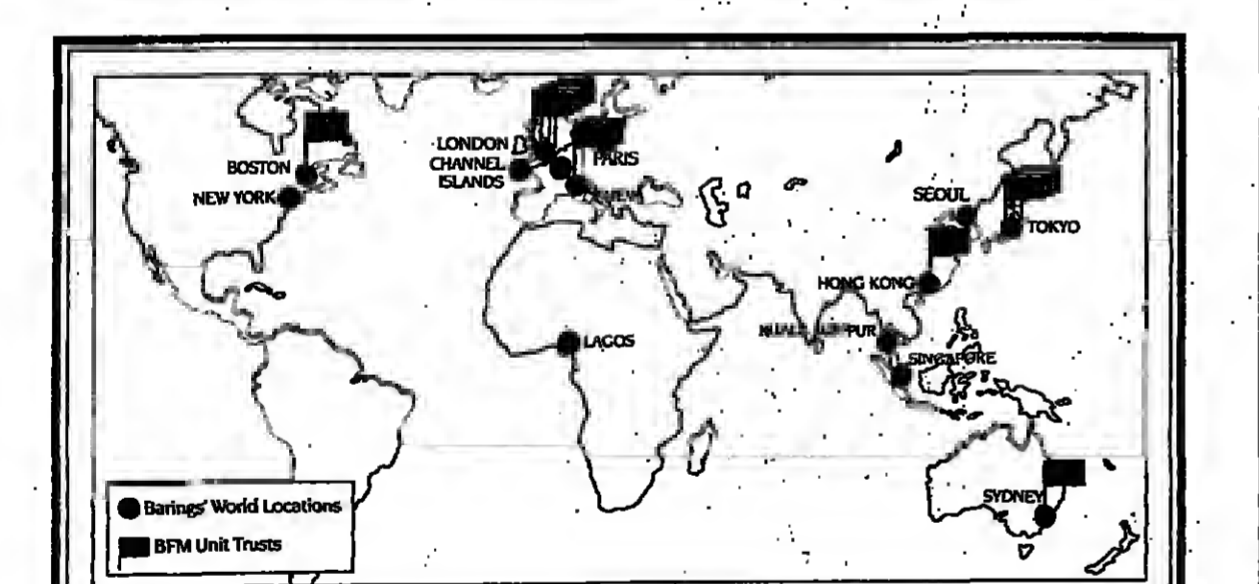
Unfortunately the excellence of the opportunity will attract millions, which means every applicant will receive just a few shares unless the Government reverses former policy and ballots applications.

Now is a good time to persuade the children to fill in a few forms.

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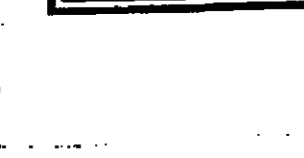
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### The brakes are on house prices

House price increases show the first signs of stabilizing, according to the Halifax Building Society. The increase in the year to August was 13.6 per cent nationally, with the South-East and Greater London both steady at 20 and 25 per cent respectively. It is a good measure of how rampant the market has been that the Halifax's housing figures are greeted as a welcome easing in price inflation. The national average is increasing at only 13.6 per cent annually. Perhaps we should be grateful that prices are not increasing ever more rapidly. The Halifax confines itself to predicting that the rate of increase in prices will still be in double figures next year. At the moment the average price of properties is £40,000 - which is bad news for first-time buyers.

### More bank on their homes

Those who have held property for some time, of course, can rejoice about high prices and take the profits if they can. Evidently some people have already taken the opportunity. According to a survey of mortgage funding conducted for the EMAP publishing house by 'stockbrokers Quilter Goodson, about £5 billion worth of mortgage funds were used for purposes other than home loans. In other words, home owners are taking the equity out of their houses and spending it on cars, school fees and other items. Secondary mortgages have been with us for a long time but the lenders insist that no interest be given. It is a relief being claimed on loans not used for the purchase or improvement of the home the Inland Revenue is losing a lot of money, perhaps as much as £1.74 billion. But they would know about that, wouldn't they?

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### Lambeth launch

Interest rates may be under pressure to fall throughout the world but in the British savings market investment accounts are being forced up by competition. After the recent moves by the bigger societies to recapture some market share the smaller societies are as usual leap-frogging over them. The Lambeth Building Society has just launched a one-year term share paying 9 per cent net of tax. This is about half a point better than most societies' top-line



accounts. Access is instant and penalty-free if a balance of £5,000 is retained. Withdrawals taking the sum on deposit below this figure require 60 days' notice or an interest penalty of 60 days is incurred. The interest rate is variable, but is guaranteed to be at least 3.5 per cent over ordinary share rates until the end of next year. The minimum deposit is £250. Details: Lambeth Building Society, 118-120 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7XE.

### Leamington's 9%

The Leamington Spa Building Society has issued a new term account, the Spa Bond. The interest rate is fixed at 9 per cent for one year with interest credited at the end of the term. The minimum investment is £2,000 with no additions or withdrawals during the year. Details: PO Box 1, Leamington House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa CV32 5FE.

### Offshore offer

Stockbrokers John Govett are launching a savings scheme designed to attract the British citizen resident abroad. Rather grandly titled the Govett Offshore Savings Programme, the plan is a simple adjunct to the International Managed Fund, which itself invests in nine UK-based authorized unit trusts, or Govett's High Income Gilt Fund. The minimum subscription is £50 per month, which may be suspended for up to six months or indefinitely if at least £1,000 has been subscribed. Charges on the gilt fund are 5.5 per cent initially and 0.75

per cent annually, with a 7.5 and 1 per cent levy on the managed fund. The company admits the managed fund charges are "higher than you would usually find, but that's because you've got someone else looking after your money for you with the full discretionary managed service, someone who can manage your money better than you can". Details: 01-588 5620.

### Mostly Japan

Expect a thick, fast stream of unit trusts this autumn. The Big Bang is coming up soon, and the big generalist financial institutions want to be seen to offer all things to all dealers. Furthermore, the marketing people are back from holiday, which is at least as good a reason for unit trusts to go forth and multiply. The latest addition to the herd comes from Scimitar Asset Management, the investment arm of Standard Chartered Bank. The Pacific Basin Trust will be largely invested in Japan (about 65 per cent), with a 15 per cent commitment to Singapore. Management stresses that this is an ideal time for such a fund, despite the near-record strengths of the Japanese currency and stock market. The initial charge is 5 per cent, discounted by 1 per cent for those who subscribe before September 26. The annual charges are 1 per cent. Details: Scimitar Asset Management, Freeport, London EC3B 3AD.

Without our reputations we are "naught but glided loam and painted clay". But how does one protect something so intangible and delicate? Elsewhere in this issue we highlight the inadequacies of property law in calculating a business's goodwill, but there are ways and means of safeguarding a business.

### Firm protection

A booklet produced by solicitors S.J. Barwin & Co aims to explain the law relating to reputation, trade connections, trade secrets and inventions, computer software and the like. These assets rejoice in the name of "intellectual property", which is, according to the booklet, "a grandiloquently sounding name for legal rights of some complexity". The intellectual content of the booklet is clearly and succinctly arranged. It is, however, a pity that they could not get the lines straight. Our copy has words slanting down the page, which can induce a feeling akin to sea-sickness. Details: S.J. Barwin & Co, 236 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8HB.

### Best of British

A unit trust to invest "in the best of British companies" enters the market place this week courtesy of Clerical Medical. The Pedigree Growth Trust is promoted by a bulldog as well as the managers. The aim of the fund is to achieve strong capital growth with above average stability by investing in certain choice UK equities. The TSB is cited as one of the shares which the managers might envisage buying.

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### Cheaper still

National Westminster has come up with the one of the oldest and probably best marketing devices of all - it has cut its prices. New borrowers are to be offered a discount of 0.5 per cent on the usual nominal mortgage rate of 11 per cent. The saving on a £30,000 repayment mortgage will be £7,17 a month. The offer is good for one year, and anyone who wants to transfer to NatWest will have professional fees paid by the bank. Derek Wantless, of NatWest, feels the new deal "will be attractive to prospective home buyers and will strengthen our position as the leading UK bank for home loans". Although NatWest's large

home loan portfolio might tend to substantiate that claim the new move looks rather as though the bank is following Midland's cheap loan package this spring. Cynics, of course, would say that both banks have at some stage offered cheap loans because they were not lending as much as they would have liked.



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### The exciting one

Unit trust managers G.T. have launched a new offshore fund, the Newly Industrialised Countries Fund Ltd. Investment will be in emerging markets or companies in emerging markets in South-East Asia which may involve a greater than normal degree of risk. The fund's explanatory memorandum indicates that investors can expect more than the usual dosage of excitement, or "above average volatility".

The fund is aimed at institutions and the larger private investor. The fund's minimum subscription is \$5,000, with charges of up to 5 per cent initially and no more than 1.5 per cent a year.

Details: G.T. (Bermuda) Ltd, Ingham and Wilkinson Building, Front Street, Hamilton, Bermuda.

### All the jargon

If you are the sort of person who is confused by City and investment jargon, then you are probably going to find life even tougher in the months to come. Significant items on the investment agenda, such as the Financial Services Bill and, of course, the Stock Exchange's Big Bang on October 27, are going to introduce a completely new range of additional terminology. Do you know what FIMBRA, MIBOC, or even self-regulating organizations are? Lamont's Glossary, published by Lamont & Partners, the licensed dealers and investment managers, at £2.75, including p&p, is now in its second edition. The revision includes definitions and explanations of many of these new terms. It also incorporates a range of economic terms for the first time to add to the general body of investment terminology which it covers. If you want to know what terms such as M1, M3, and SMI3 actually represent, the book will tell you.

It is perhaps churlish to point out minor mistakes, but nevertheless the glossary does define SRO as a self-regulatory organization rather than self-regulating - and the definition of an SFO does give an adequate account of how investment businesses can be authorized under the new scheme. Lamont & Partners are at 48 Charles Street, London W1X 7PB.

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and pays interest on current accounts with more than £1,000 in them. There is a cheque card with £250 maximum, a Royal Bank of Scotland cash card, a Drivers Card and - of course - that leather cheque book holder embossed in gold. The bank offers loans and mortgages like other banks, but most of all it offers a personal service with your account handled by a human being, not a computer. Two-thirds of its customers are Scottish but that may be changing fast as interest from the South of England is the most rapidly growing area of business. English customers will therefore be interested to learn that Adam is opening a branch in London through the acquisition of another private bank, Continental Trust, which has a fully staffed office in Pall Mall. The principal customer of Continental is

part of the Schlumberger family, one of France's wealthiest clans, which is taking a 45 per cent stake in Adam. In terms of voting rights, however, the Schlumbergers will have only 25 per cent. The deal doubles Adam's existing £22 million of gross assets, giving it a comfortable base from which to work for some time to come. There had been rumours that the bank would be coming to the Stock Exchange at the earliest possible opportunity, but the link with Continental rules that out as a necessity. The only chance of the public being offered shares in the bank, as well as an account, in the foreseeable future is an insistence on a flotation by the existing shareholders - including Drayton Consolidated, Edinburgh American Assets and Standard Life.

Richard Thomson  
Banking Correspondent

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# WHY THE METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE SHOULD BE STAFFED BY GIRAFFES.

**T**HE sun blazed down on the scorched savannah. The dry grass rustled like sandpaper in the hot breeze. Overhead, the sky was porcelain blue. But the giraffe was donning a sea-green sou'wester. A sunbathing lion opened a quizzical eye and started to roar with laughter. A pack of hyenas cackled hysterically. Undeterred, the giraffe tugged on his wellies, one, two, three and four.

Gnus gnudged each other, whispering and giggling. The giraffe poked poked their jibes and unfurled a sober black umbrella. Still, the other animals broiled in the sun. Elephants sported smart new trunks. A long-legged camel shyly adjusted the bikini top on her humps. But the giraffe was studying the skies.

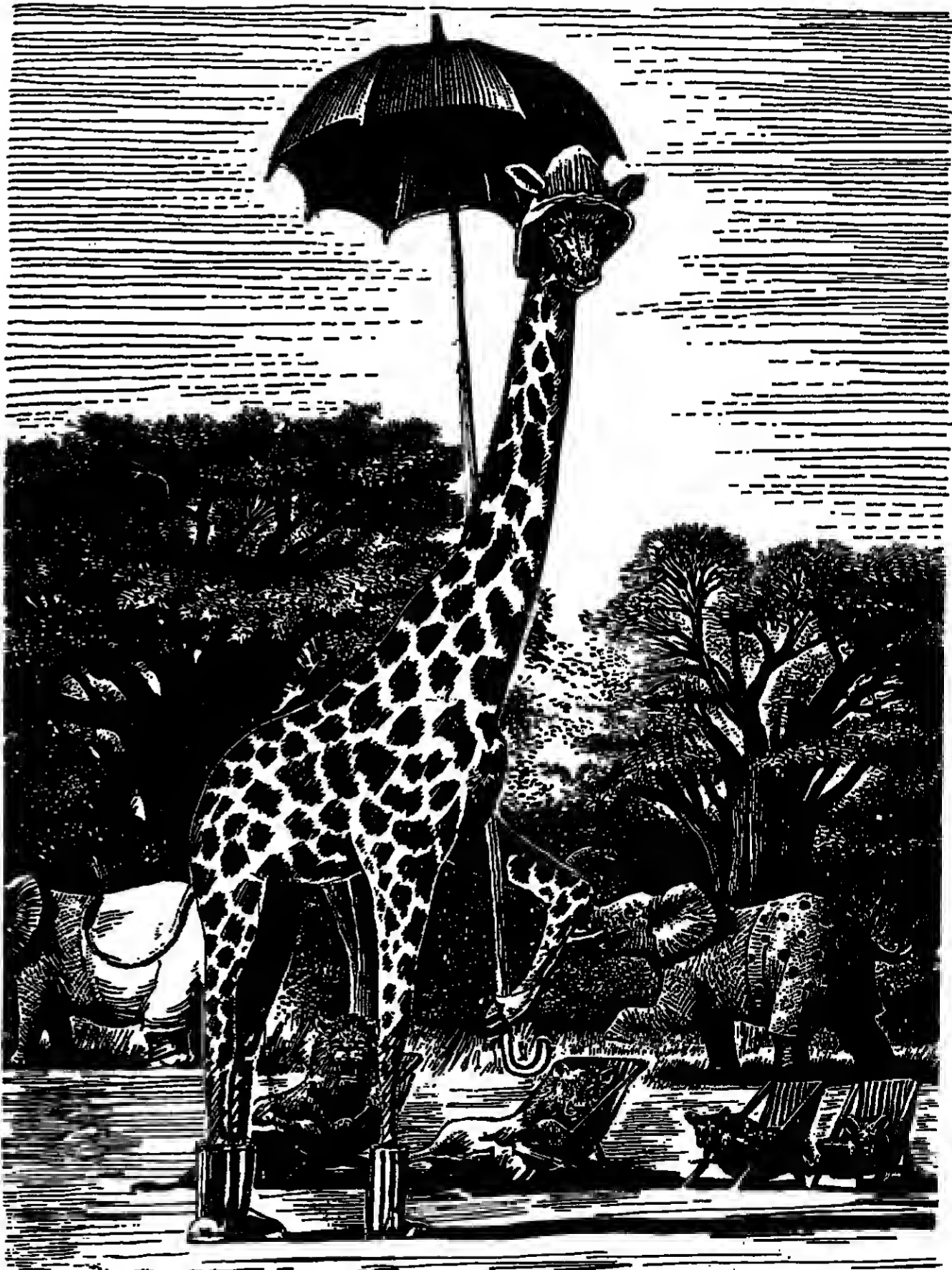
And, sure enough, a little black cloud came scudding in from the west. Then another. Then another. Until at last the sky above was as black as ink. With a violent crack, the clouds split open. The sunbathers were bathed in a torrent of rain.

As they scurried for cover, awash with mascara and suntan oil, the giraffe reflected on the advantages of being the tallest animal of them all. From his lofty vantage point, he'd been able to see the clouds gathering on the horizon.

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**The hint of a turning point**

**UNIT TRUSTS**

Unit trusts, we are almost incessantly told, are a long-term investment. The price of units, it is occasionally whispered, can go down as well as up.

Our table shows that over the long term investors in Japan have done rather well. It does not indicate, however, that during the past month the price of many Japanese funds actually fell. Some were in the very lowest positions during the past four weeks.

Investors in gold shares and in Australia had a miserable time over two and four years, yet it may well be that the turning point has come. As pointed out in last week's Family Money, Australian unit trusts have been improving under the reasonably stringent economic measures taken by the government.

Gold unit trusts, too, have performed well in the short term, some adding 20 per cent

about 45 per cent achieved a gain of 25 per cent on the pricing basis shown. Offer-to-offer prices are rather kind to unit trusts. The bid price, normally 5 to 6 per cent lower, is what investors actually receive.

Although the yen has performed very strongly on the foreign exchange - around 230 to the pound as opposed to 330 last year - thus bumping up the prices of unhedged Japanese unit trusts, there is still strong support for shares on the Tokyo exchange.

Many analysts still believe that the full effect of lower oil prices - Japan imports almost all her oil - and the hope of cuts in domestic interest rates has yet to be felt. For British investors a cut in Japanese rates would probably weaken the yen despite giving an almost certain boost to shares. The question then would be whether more yen still meant more pounds.

**Martin Baker**

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Eagle Star Far Eastern 200.0	Baring First Europe 294.7	Barrington European 583.0
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CS Japan 194.5	TR Special Opps 278.3	GT Japan & General 506.1
TR Japan Growth 194.1	Gartmore Far Eastern 275.0	EFM Tokyo 507.7
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THE WORST		
8 Months	24 Months	48 Months
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Frank Yantin: 'The goodwill value of my business over 14 years was taken from me'

**Legacy for a landlord**

The law is full of strange quirks. Fortunately, most remain of interest to solicitors only.

But two years ago a pharmacist, Frank Yantin, suffered the practical financial consequences of what he claims to be an anomaly in the landlord and tenant legislation, causing him and other tenants to lose thousands of pounds for the goodwill of their businesses.

In April 1971 Mr Yantin bought a 14-year lease and an existing pharmacy business from his landlord. Mr Yantin said he built up a successful business and before the expiry of the lease applied for a new one under the landlord and tenant legislation.

The landlord opposed the granting of a new lease on the ground that he intended to occupy the premises for his own business. If a landlord refuses a new lease to a tenant in these circumstances, a tenant is normally entitled to compensation.

Legally, the formula for compensation is worked out on the basis of a strict arithmetical calculation and it does not attempt any proper valuation of goodwill. It is based on a multiplier of the rateable value of the property.

Mr Yantin said: "In January 1984 I finally negotiated a deal with the landlord, which included compensation of about £8,000, and the landlord would not press for any of my obligations under the lease. The landlord immediately started his own retail pharmacy in the premises, and some three months later he sold the business to a third party for a substantial sum.

"The goodwill value of my business over 14 years was taken from me and sold by the landlord to a third party. The present law allows a landlord to take over a business with minimal compensation."

A spokesman from the National Pharmaceutical Association highlighted the case of another tenant pharmacist: "A landlord who was a pharmacist himself decided to go abroad for a while. He sold his business but retained the premises, granting another pharmacist a lease of the shop."

The landlord returned saying he wanted the shop back for his own use and in effect he got his business back without having to pay for any goodwill.

"We do not object in principle to a landlord not renewing a lease, but what we do object to is the virtual total absence of compensation. We have made representations for change both direct to the Department of Trade and Industry and via the National Chamber of Trade."

The National Chamber of Trade has been campaigning for reform in the compensation provisions for about 20 years. A spokesman said: "We believe the level of compensation should be much higher. There is a desperate oversight in the legislation by not considering the value of goodwill when a landlord takes over and carries on the same business as the tenant."

"We feel that compensation for shop premises should be at a higher rate than for other business premises, as the goodwill of a shop is essentially annexed to the premises."

In 1984 the Department of the Environment sent out a circular to both individuals and various groups asking for their comments with a view to reviewing the compensation and other aspects of the Landlord and Tenant Act.

The department's spokeswoman said: "We studied all the responses but we did not feel there was a strong enough case to amend the Act at that stage. Generally most people thought that the Act was working well in this respect."

"In May 1985, we did increase the multipliers of the

rateable value to take into account levels of inflation. We do monitor and look at the situation constantly."

But the National Chamber of Trade is not letting the matter drop and at present has a working party which is looking at the whole question of landlord and tenant. The spokesman said: "I confidently predict that when the working party report comes out, we will again be looking for compensation for goodwill."

Landlords would argue that the present arithmetical formula can already work out extremely costly. A spokesman for one landlord said: "Because it is a mere rough and ready average, it can work out unfairly expensive to a landlord, particularly in cases where the tenant is not suffering any really serious loss other than removal expenses."

The debate will no doubt continue for many years to come. Meanwhile, the property solicitor Peter Denley has a general piece of advice that may be helpful: "If a tenant wants to renew his lease, but the landlord is claiming the property back on the basis that he wants it for himself, the tenant should always take the matter to court and make the landlord prove his case."

"If it subsequently turns out that the landlord was not genuine, and did not really intend to use the property himself, the tenant can then make use of a little known claim for damages, which, although not widely appreciated, is actually set out in Section 55 of The Landlord and Tenant Act."

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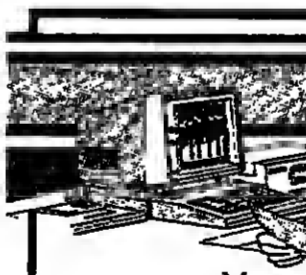


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All member countries of the EEC offer emergency medical care in some form on the same conditions as for their own nationals. While not all services are free, they are certainly cheaper than private care.

Reciprocal medical care in the Community applies to short-stay visitors, such as those on holiday, abroad on family visits, or on short business trips. Those intending to live or work abroad should consult their local DHSS office or write direct to the DHSS Overseas Branch OGB1, Newcastle upon Tyne NE98 1YX.

To qualify for public medical care, you must be a national of the UK or another EEC state, or a stateless person or refugee, and currently live in the UK. Dependents — wife, husband, children under 16 or under 19 if in full-time education — are also eligible, whatever their nationality and

whether or not they travel abroad alone. Someone living at the same address as you and having care of your children has the same rights as a spouse.

To obtain basic medical care abroad it is vital to lay hands on the E111 certificate. You should apply through your local social security office, which has copies of leaflet SA30 1986. Inside the leaflet you will find your goal — application form CMI. The

### A simple statement may be needed

completed form should be returned some weeks before the trip because, not surprisingly, quite a lot of paperwork is involved.

The certificate, which used to have to be renewed for every foreign visit, is valid for two years. It is advisable to keep it with your passport.

If there is no time to secure the certificate before leaving and you know medical treatment will be required, contact the local health insurance authorities in the country being visited and ask them to obtain it from the DHSS Overseas Branch (at the New-

castle address above) by applying on form E107.

The helpful leaflet SA36, which is issued with the E111 certificate, gives instructions on both the procedure and where to go in all EEC countries, but it has not yet been updated to include Spain and Portugal.

No certificate is required for visits to Denmark, Gibraltar, Portugal or Ireland, but simply a UK passport in the first three destinations. In Denmark, if you are charged, present the receipts to the social and health department of the local council for a refund.

In Portugal and Ireland, indicate to the doctor or hospital authorities that treatment is requested under EEC social security regulations. You may be asked to complete a simple statement.

The use to which the E111 certificate can be put is set out on the accompanying table. Apart from immediate medical attention during a visit, pensioners and their dependents or those receiving industrial injuries benefit may be able to obtain wider cover. Free or reduced-cost treatment applies only if undertaken by doctors and hospitals

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Netherlands	1 3	2 4	—
Spain	1 3	2 4	—
West Germany	2 3	1 4	—

KEY: 1 Hospital treatment 2 Dental treatment 3 Other medical treatment 4 Prescribed medicines

operating under the sickness insurance scheme of the country concerned.

Not all costs are refundable but the local sickness office will pay those that are. Refunds should be applied for in person or by post before leaving the country — otherwise, it may not be possible to receive expenses returning home or there may be a delay across the border.

The DHSS makes a special point of warning against rabies and the immediate action that should be taken in case of a bite or scratch.

Even in the countries listed, the cover given under local

schemes is not always as comprehensive as in the UK. Travel insurance is still a very useful top-up as under reciprocal agreements:

- The cost of repatriation to the UK is never covered
- If visiting a listed country but staying in an area bordering one without reciprocal assistance, in an emergency you may be sent to a hospital across the border
- Some European countries do not give free medical assistance — Switzerland, Turkey, Andorra, Cyprus, Faroe Islands, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino

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One of the findings is that professional entertainers pay more for their houses than people in other occupations — an average £71,832 to be precise. Close behind were top managers, company directors, estate agents and surveyors — although one might have thought the last two groups would be better than most at picking out a bargain. At the bottom of the 69 categories into which NatPro slices its mortgagors into are factory workers, labourers and, bottom of all, miners, who pay on average £17,635 for a dwelling.

Perhaps not too surprisingly, the affluency rating is turned upside down when it comes to who has to borrow most to buy. The average miner will borrow 94.4 per cent of his purchase price from the NatPro but professional entertainers need only 64.4 per cent. They get the rest presumably from the television commercial fees or the cup-winning bonus and the sale of the humble abode bought when they were stuck at the foot of the ladder.

Curiously, women who describe themselves as housewives need less help from a mortgage than any other category, asking the building society for only 56.5 per cent.

Some of the other figures in the survey would keep a keen sociologist busy for years. While the average person tends to buy a house that cost three times as much as his or her salary there are great variations. Why, for example, should a post office engineer pay an average 3.7 times his salary for a house when the figure is 1.9 for a miner? One answer may be that the engineer lives in a prosperous area and is confident about receiving a steadily rising salary while the miner is scared for his future in an area already beset by high unemployment and stagnant property prices.

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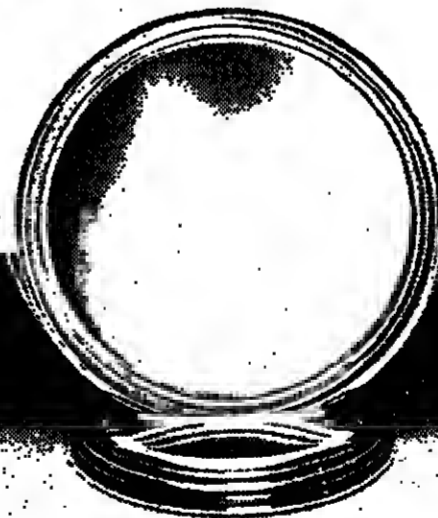
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In addition, of course, there are the low-cost endowment policy premiums. NatWest quoted £34.83 per month using Clerical, Medical & General. The projected maturity value of the policy, however, should provide sufficient funds to leave a surplus after the loan has been repaid.

Both types of finance offered

either by merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson or one of two building societies, and borrowers can choose to pay a stabilized or a fluctuating rate of interest. With the former, the rate is fixed for 12 months at a time. It is reviewed annually and may be adjusted in line with market conditions. At present the stabilized rate is 10 per cent and the fluctuating rate 11 per cent.

Using the same assumptions made by NatWest, it would cost a 44-year-old father £15,015 to borrow £10,500 at the current rate of 11 per cent. The monthly premiums using a low-cost endowment policy with Friends' Provident would be £32.82.

Alternatively, Connaught Swift suggests a personal pension plan. Where possible, this is worth considering, particularly if you are a high rate taxpayer, as there is tax relief on the contributions. However, it must be remembered that using part of your pension to pay off the school fees loan will reduce the amount you have to meet your retirement needs.

Similar loan schemes are offered by NEL Britannia and Standard Life. The minimum loan from NEL's Flexible School Fees Plan is £15,001, and drawings can be made either as fees fall due or in a lump sum so that fees can be paid in advance.

The loan can be repaid at any time, but a charge is levied if this is within the first four years. The current rate of interest on the loan is 11 per cent for first mortgages and 13 per cent for second.

Standard Life has teamed up with the Bank of Scotland to provide its Assured School Fees Plan. Again, the loan can either be taken as a lump sum or withdrawn in stages. The loan can be for 10 to 25 years, and the interest rate is Bank of Scotland base rate, currently 10 per cent plus 2.25 per cent.

The two latest entrants to the market are Barclays Bank and Abbey Life. Barclays, together with Norwich Union offers parent schemes for both forward planning and immediate finance. For the latter, the current rate of interest is 12.5 per cent and there is an arrangement fee of £100.

Likewise, Abbey Life offers both types of finance. Where a loan is needed, a remortgage or second charge is arranged for £100-200. The rate of interest for the former is 11.5 per cent and for the latter, 12 to 13.75 per cent.

The long-established School Fees Insurance Agency (SFA) also arranges loans. However, unlike other schemes, these are unsecured. A maximum of £25,000 can be borrowed and repayment is over 15 years using a non-profit endowment policy, which is less attractive than a with-profits policy but keeps the costs down. There



It's the best, but the best money must be found too

are no administration fees, and interest is charged at bank base rate plus 3 per cent.

Clearly, immediate finance is anything but cheap, and indeed Dennis Hulls, of SFLA, is quick to state that it should be used only as a last resort. But if you do decide to take a loan, make sure you are fully aware of the commitment involved - ask for a full illustration of the likely cost and, if your home is the security, check how easy a house move will be. Interestingly, many parents who are

offered a loan have second thoughts - they would prefer to sell the car, or even the house.

Amanda Pardoe

Abbey Life, 0202 292373; Barclays Bank, 01-626 1567; Claremont Saville, 0990 28787; Connaught Swift, 01-250 3348; London Law Financial Services, 01-236 6105; National Westminster Bank, 01-726 1088; NEL Britannia, 0306 887766; SFA, 0628 34291; Standard Life, 031-225 2552.

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How you can win and collect that bad debt

Being owed money is bad enough, but being unable to recover the debt even after winning in court is worse. Recently published figures do little to restore confidence in some of the courts' debt enforcement procedures.

The county court can deal with debts up to £5,000. If you win the case, the recovery of the debt is often in the hands of the court bailiffs. Since September 1, 1984, county court judgments of more than £2,000 can, in fact, be recovered in the High Court.

The High Court is designed to deal with large debts. It is often the sheriff's officers who

have the responsibility of recovering the money owed.

So, which court is most likely to get your money back?

The comparison in the table was compiled by Andrew Wilson, Under Sheriff of London County. "The study shows that if a judgment over £2,000 is transferred into the High Court from the county court, it is nearly twice as likely to be satisfied in full, and over twice as likely to be satisfied in full or in part," he says.

So why were only 141 county court judgments transferred during the first year of the scheme? According to Mr Wilson, it is solicitors' inertia.

"They generally seem to be unaware of the procedure," he says.

Keith Downing, a debt-collection solicitor with Surrey firm Crellins, does not fall into this category. "As a general rule, particularly where we think there will be no valid defence, we automatically issue proceedings in the High Court for debts over £600. The High Court procedure is quicker and more aggressive. The sheriff's officers are a much more forceful remedy than the bailiffs."

The study seems to support Mr Downing's views. Mr Wilson says: "In one section of

the comparison the county court bailiffs found that twice as many debtors had left their last given address. Could this mean that the sheriff's officers have all the luck or just that they are better at finding debtors?"

Could the reason for the better results from the High Court sheriff's be something to do with how they are paid? Mr Wilson says: "The county court bailiffs are paid by salary. They are treated as having done their work by the numbers of warrants they deal with, not by how much they collect. The High Court sheriff's officers are paid

largely by result and it is therefore in their interests to try to recover."

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department says: "The bailiffs have a much heavier workload and they get the wrong end of the stick dealing with tiny amounts and with people who have less capacity to pay. "We are in the middle of a civil justice review looking in particular at the enforcement of debts. We hope to publish a consultation paper at the end of the year."

In the meantime, if you are owed money, you should ask your solicitor which court he

Table with 3 columns: High Court, County court, Satisfied in full, Satisfied in part, Not satisfied.

The figures for the High Court are based on a 12-month period. They refer to those cases transferred from the county courts to the High Court. The county court figures were compiled over a three-month period from a representative selection of county courts for warrants over £2,000.

will be using, what are the alternative methods of enforcing a judgment, and what is the likelihood of recovering the debt. There is, after all, no point in throwing good money after bad.

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The British Stockmarket has been strong for a number of years, which is why many investors are now looking at overseas markets for new investment opportunities. But concentration in one particular area can produce very volatile investment results, and this year's high flier can often be next year's poor performer. You should be wary of short-term performance claims, such as the "Over 50% growth in just five months" quoted recently for a European unit trust.

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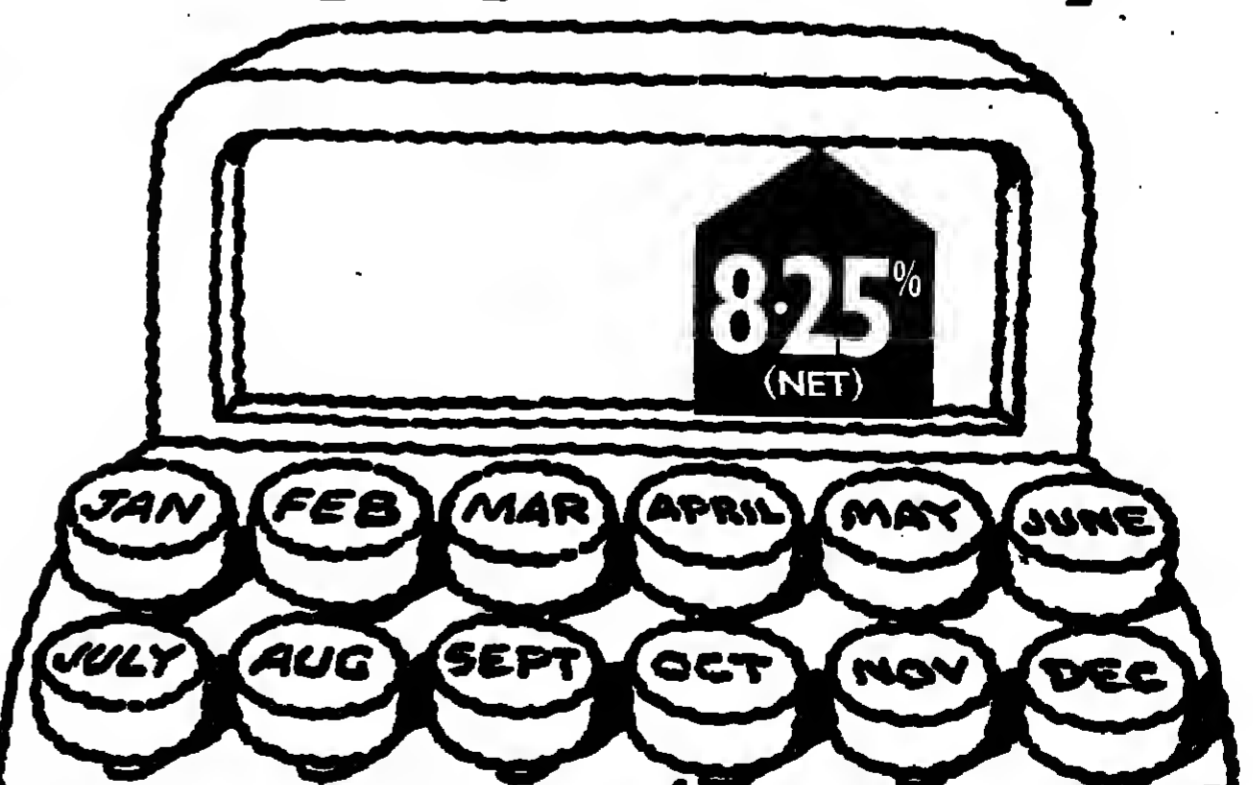
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MONTHLY INCOME ACCOUNT

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FAMILY MONEY/7

Higher insurance on the road ahead

LLOYD'S

Lloyd's of London this week published its Global Accounts for 1983, showing together the results of all the different types of insurance effected in the market in that year.

It might seem strange to be working three years in arrears, but this is the system used by Lloyd's, unlike the insurance companies, as it considers this puts it in a better position to judge the results of its business.

PCW the profit for the Lloyd's members would have been £179 million. The worst of the PCW figures is now behind Lloyd's. On a worst case basis PCW losses will total £235 million, and apart from this year's provision, £73 million was allocated to PCW for the 1982 year.

Moreover, in assessing Lloyd's results it is worth bearing in mind that not all the PCW losses are due to bad underwriting. Accountants are currently trying to disentangle the figures to ascertain how much is attributable to fraud and how much to the ordinary conduct of business.

Meanwhile, the number of people becoming members of Lloyd's is increasing and those who are already members are increasing the amount of business they are prepared to underwrite - referred to as their capacity.

Lloyd's capacity has grown from £4.2 billion in 1983 to £8.5 billion in 1986. Peter Miller, chairman of Lloyd's, says that this was "the result not only of a change of membership from 21,601 to 28,944 but also a vote of confidence by existing members by extending their underwriting commitments, which accounted for much of that increase".

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

Return tax-free and linked to changes in the Retail Prices Index. Supplement of 3.00 per cent in the first year, 3.25 per cent in the second, 3.50 per cent in the third, 4.50 per cent in the fourth and 5.00 per cent in the fifth. Value of Retirement Issue Certificates purchased in September 1981, £147.38 including bonus and supplement, July RPI 384.7. (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month).

Table with columns: Fund, Net OVAR, Telephone. Lists various funds like Alden Home, B of Scotland, Barclays Higher Rate, etc.

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National Savings Certificate 31st Issue. Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, subject to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 7.85 per cent, maximum investment £10,000.

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Local Authority Yearling Bonds 12 months fixed rate investments interest 9 1/4 per cent, basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased on 1st September 1985.

Guaranteed Income Bonds Return paid net of basic rate tax; higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity. 1yr £200; 3yrs £100; 5yrs £50; 7yrs £25; 10yrs £12.5. Interest 11.25 per cent, min inv £100; 3yrs £50; 5yrs £25; 7yrs £12.5; 10yrs £6.25.

Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments. Interest quoted net (basic rate tax deducted at source, non-reclaimable) by non-taxpayers, minimum investment £1,000, purchased on 1st September 1985.

UNIT TRUST RECORD BREAKER

Between January 28th and August 14th 1986, the unit price of the County Japan Growth Trust doubled in value in what we believe to be a record breaking 198 days.

It is also the top-performing authorised Unit Trust in the U.K. over the last twelve months - £1000 invested 12 months ago is now worth £2522.

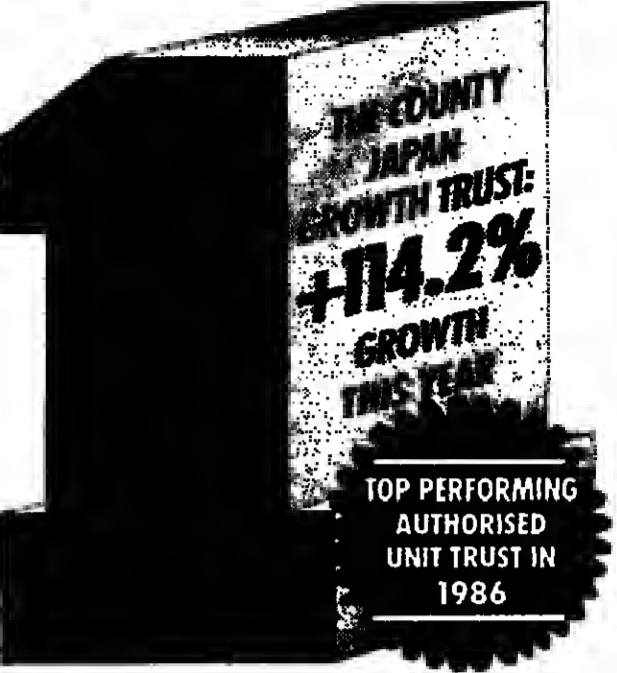
Nevertheless past performance can be regarded only as a guide to the quality of the fund management and should not be relied on to predict future returns.

The Fund Manager is confident, however, that a fundamental historical change in the Japanese domestic economy has given the fund considerable long term growth potential.

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All prices calculated on an offer to bid price basis to 3.9.86 with income reinvested. Source: IDC Optal

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As far as the significance for UK premium rates is concerned...

perhaps the most interesting result is that of Lloyd's motor insurance business. The market consistently provides around 20 per cent of the insurance cover for motor cars, so it is a fair indicator of market trends.

The news is bleak, at least in the short term, with Lloyd's premium rates forecast to have increased by the end of 1986 by much more than the 9.4 per cent increase by the market in 1985.

National Savings Bank

Ordinary Accounts - if a minimum balance of £100 maintained for whole of 1986, 6 per cent interest p.a. for each complete month where balance is over £500; otherwise 3 per cent.

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

RUGBY UNION: CLUBS AND SPONSORS AIM FOR PLACES IN COMPETITIVE SEASON

Gloucester bring in Pointon for Hamlin

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Competition, now that it is no longer a dirty word in Britain begins very early this season - as early as today, the first Saturday of 1986-87, when the leading clubs and those whose names are not so familiar start to consolidate the places they hope to occupy next season in the inaugural English club championship.

There may also be some jostling by potential sponsors interested in being linked with the championship. One thinks of John Smith, the brewers currently backing the merit tables which bear their name: of Save and Prosper, the insurance company who have struck up a close accord with the Rugby Football Union at international level; and of Thorn EMJ whose interest at the moment is in the county championship and the divisional championship.

Whatever the merits of having tobacco companies associated with sport - and there are many administrators who dislike it - there is no doubt that John Ployer has served rugby well with their sponsorship of the knockout cup while, lower down the scale, companies like the National Girobank have got in on the ground floor by helping in the pilot league schemes in the North-West and the Eastern Counties.

There will be others but it is reasonable to assume that those companies already involved in the game may be able to exert some influence. Of those named, the John Smith merit tables feature two games today, the Eastern Counties league have eight and the North-West League one. In table A of the merit tables, Moseley meet Nottingham while, in table B, Richmond, who enjoyed their outing against Streatham-Croydon in midweek, play Waterloo.

But, as is so frequently the case on the first day of a new season, there are some interesting Anglo-Welsh encounters, notably that at Gloucester where Swansea are the visitors. Malcolm Preedy, the prop capped by England in South Africa two years ago, is Gloucester's new captain and



In possession: Preedy takes over as captain over Gloucester

his main selection problem this week has been at stand-off half where Hamlin, the occupant last season, has only just resumed training after damaging ankle ligaments in May. Evans, his normal replacement, was injured in a club trial and so Gloucester call upon Pointon, captain of the United, against Swansea. Gloucester warmed up with a comfortable win over Cinderford in midweek, helping the Forest of Dean club begin their centenary season with a flourish. But it will not be an easy season for Gloucester.

"A lot of our games this season are away," Alan Brim, chairman of the club selectors and an England regional selector, said. "What helped us last season was that the balance in favour of home matches was about 60-40 and we managed to win at places like Leicester and Sale. This year we have difficult merit table games at

Quandary over Bishop affair

By David Hands

The Welsh Rugby Union, whose general committee met on Thursday, have deferred any further action on David Bishop, the Pontypool scrum half who was sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment earlier this week after admitting a charge of common assault. Instead the WRU's disciplinary committee will make recommendations which will then be laid before the general committee.

Bishop, who was capped by Wales against Australia in 1984, is currently out of prison pending an appeal. The charge of assault arose in a case brought by Chris Jarman, the Newport lock, who was knocked unconscious during their match last October. The difficulty facing the WRU is one of administrative justice. Bishop has already been tried, and found guilty, by the law of the land; should he then face a further punishment from the WRU for breaching the game's discipline? It is a difficulty which may keep the lawyers on the WRU committee busy.

The subject of discipline was also on the minds of the Welsh selectors who have unveiled their plans for the season. Despite the hard line taken by the WRU last season, it has been agreed that players sent off in club games this season should not automatically be suspended from the Welsh international squad - as was the case with Richard Moriarty, now Swansea and Wales captain, and Robert Norster, at Cardiff.

"The cases of national squad players who are sent off will be dealt with by the WRU disciplinary committee," Rod Morgan, chairman of selectors, said. "The selectors will then examine each case and act accordingly." Moriarty took over from David Cockeray as national captain during the club season at the South Sea Islands. He will wish to consolidate that position, both in squad sessions - the first being held this weekend - and at the trial game which will be held on December 6 at Cardiff Arms Park.

Teams for the trial will be announced on November 28. Wales, unlike England, Scotland and Ireland, have no early-season game though there is a B international at Pontypool on October 25.

Tour party criticised

After the final match of the Australian tour of New Zealand, at Eden Park, Auckland today, the All Black selectors will turn to the party to tour France in October and November. The selectors have already come in for criticism after returning so swiftly to the suspended Cavaliers, while their colls and emerging players squads, have also been defeated heavily recently.

The New Zealand selection panel for 1987 - World Cup year - will not be announced until after the French tour.

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CRICKET: ENGLAND'S YOUNG PLAYERS MAKE STRONG CLAIM FOR TOUR OF AUSTRALIA

Selectors should find places for De Freitas, Metcalfe and Robinson

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

England's harassed selectors meet at Lord's on Monday to choose the party to tour Australia this winter. Their 16 players will be announced on Tuesday morning.

As is customary, the home selectors (P B H May, P J Sharpe, A C Smith and F J Titmus) will be joined by the captain and manager of the team (Mike Gatting and Peter Lush respectively).

Of the 34 players who were sent a contract to study, so they should know, if chosen, what they would be letting themselves in for, only Peter Willey has said that he would rather not be considered, and that was because he was afraid his knees, in their present state, might not stand up to a long tour.

There will be times when the selectors come to a point where they can either take a chance or play for safety. They could find themselves choosing between Metcalfe and Athey, for example, or Fringle and De Freitas, or Fringle and Rhodes.

If the selectors are looking here for an encouraging precedent, Colin Cowdrey was 18 months or more younger than Metcalfe, Bailey and Whitaker are now when he was chosen for Australia in

1954-55; yet as early as the third Test match he was playing arguably the decisive innings of the series, and certainly one of the best of his life.

Other than Gatting, the only batting certainties, now that Gooch is not going, are Gower and Lamb. Botham must also go as a batting all-rounder.

Robinson, however, does have two Test centuries against Australia to his credit, and against West Indies in 1982-83, it was Geoff Cook. This time it could be the return of Parker, Crowther, or Mark Eason, or the introduction of Russell or Patel.

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Two places remain to be filled, preferably by all-rounders. One of them could go to Fringle or De Freitas, the other to Ellison or Ontong.

Africa, and the thought of an extra spinner in the party recommends him.

Ellison, sadly, is nowhere near the bowler he was when taking 17 wickets in the last Test against Australia last year.

Having gone for Ontong, who will be 31 on Tuesday, ahead of the younger Ellison, I would like to see the 20-year-old De Freitas ahead of the older Fringle.

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But there is a team that should field pretty well (and very well in the ships), but attractively and at least be balanced to bowling.

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Warwickshire fall to Underwood

By Ivo Tennant

Back in business: Sami Gavaskar, reinstated in the Indian team for the one-day international against Australia, in action against the visitors in a three-day match at Gwalior

High class attacking bowling by Denis Underwood, who in 35 overs did not deliver one loose ball, demolished Warwickshire on a turning pitch yesterday.

Underwood's figures read 33.5-6-5-7-5-1-1 which, by cricket standards, was remarkable. They were his best of the season.

The number of overs bowled easily exceeded the number of runs scored. Underwood was the extent of the stranglehold Underwood and, to a lesser degree, Davis, who took three wickets, imposed.

Kent batted on to the morning to total 353. Christopher Cowdrey reaching his first century of the season in 167 minutes with five fours and two sixes. He put on a century stand with Marsh, who, having equalled a Kent wicketkeeping record with nine fours to 150 minutes, the highest score of his career.

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Victory is not enough to win title

By Richard Streeton

CARDIFF: Nottinghamshire (20 cards) beat Glamorgan (6) by 24 runs

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Rafferty ready to make his name on the continent

From Mitchell Platts, Crans-Montana

Ronan Rafferty ruthlessly destroyed the possibility of a Spanish takeover by the Ebel European Masters by attaching a second round of 66 to his opening 64 on the Crans-Sur-Sierre course here yesterday.

Rafferty's entry into the professional game, following a lively amateur career in which he won Walker Cup honours, was complicated by his initial failure to qualify at the European Tour School.

In truth he required time to mature and at the age of 22 he still accepts that he is learning to master a game in which patience is vital.

He has not been given a promising start by Hoskins and Morris who put on 50 together. Morris was then caught behind from a ball from Hemmings, which lifted and turned sharply on the pitch.

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Marshall opens up five-stroke lead

By John Hennessy

Meredith Marshall, of the United States, opened up an astounding five-stroke gap at the head of the Bowring Scottish women's open championship at Dalmahoy yesterday.

Using a set of graphite clubs, with a 45 inch driver, given to her last year by Waterhouse, who teaches from a wheelchair at the age of 84, showed little hint of error.

Miss Marshall played superbly, having been reinforced overnight on two fronts. A word with Bill Waterhouse, her Scottish mentor back in Florida, was supplemented by a few more from Aunt Agnes (Jane Connacher's aunt Agnes, that is), a Christian fellow ship meeting and she faced the bad day with its blustery wind and its squalls of rain with total serenity.

But she has never been in this exposed position, nor has she ever won a tournament on three



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Stewart foils Gloucester

By Peter Marston

THE OVAL: Surrey (175) drew with Gloucestershire (7) A courageous bowing by Alec Stewart, who made an unbeaten 86, thwarted Gloucestershire's valiant attempt to bring a tenth victory and 23 points from their last match to the county championship programme here yesterday.

In a classic last passage of 15 overs, Stewart was admirably supported by Medcott as Walsh and Lawrence bore down, intent only on the batsmen's destruction.

When Butcher then fell to 215 for eight scored off 110 overs.

Pandit, reserve wicketkeeper on the recent tour of England, scored 101 with 12 fours and a six. He shared a sixth-wicket stand of 137 with Sandeep Paul.

Bombay were eventually bowled out for 38 and in the time available - in the two cap-

Golf girls purged

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FOOTBALL: THE LIBERO SYSTEM IS LATEST FAD IN ENGLAND, BUT ONLY LIVERPOOL USE IT AS A PLAN OF ATTACK

Pleat claims sweepers can hide the dirt

Suddenly the libero defensive system is sweeping the country. What England has scored during these last 40 years now seems curiously, to have found favour after a further four weeks watching the World Cup in Mexico.

Injuries hit derby

There is a vivid contrast in the fortunes of Dundee and Dundee United who meet today at Dens Park in a Tayside derby which should be Scotland's match of the day.

Allen's mission

Clive Allen, who as Arsenal's £1.25 million record signing spent two months at Highbury in 1980 without kicking a first-team ball, is determined to leave them kicking themselves today over that briefest of associations.

Everton (3) v QPR (2)

Everton, for whom Harper will sign a two-year contract before the game, are unchanged. Rangers are unchanged after losing Liverpool.

Hebbert: added to his talents



TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Everton (3) v QPR (2) under threat. Pressman, a reserve goalkeeper, Stuart, Marwood and Worthington are included in a Wednesday party of 18.

TENNIS

Sukova through as Lloyd shows signs of stress

Chris Lloyd, six times champion and three times runner-up, was beaten 6-2, 6-4 by Helena Sukova in the women's singles semi-final of the United States Championship yesterday.

Miss Sukova had lost all her 14 previous matches with Mrs Lloyd, but the last two - one of them at Wimbledon - were close enough to suggest that yesterday's result would not be deferred for long.

European champion runs Westminster

Even if the newly crowned European 5,000 metres champion, Jack Buckner, were to win the Peugeot Talbot Westminster mile around the streets of London tomorrow in a time inside Steve Cram's world record of 3 minutes 46.32 seconds, it would not make him the fastest road miler in the world.

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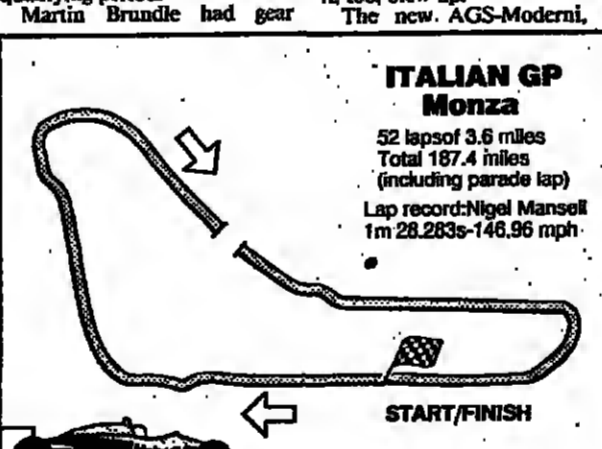
Promising start by Dunning

Chris Dunning's Marionette headed British hopes of crossing the points gap on the water of the Marlborough Harbour Pickett Battleship, to head the German team on the 45-mile spinaker leg down to the Sintonio light-house.

MOTOR RACING: ARGENTINIAN STAKES HIS CLAIM FOR POLE POSITION

Senna far from being out of contention

Ayrton Senna's prowess as a qualified specialist was demonstrated yet again yesterday when the Argentinian staked his claim for pole position on the starting grid for tomorrow's Italian Grand Prix with his Renault-powered JPS Lotus.



WEEKEND FOOTBALL AND OTHER FIXTURES

Table listing football fixtures for various leagues including League division I, League division II, League division III, League division IV, Scottish premier division, Scottish division I, Scottish division II, Southern premier, Gloucestershire Senior Trophy, Gloucestershire North West Counties League, Gloucestershire Southern League, Gloucestershire Northern League, Gloucestershire Eastern League, Gloucestershire Western League, Gloucestershire Southern League, Gloucestershire Northern League, Gloucestershire Eastern League, Gloucestershire Western League.

ATHLETICS

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Whitehall, is mainly flat. Jack Buckner, who ran a track mile in 3 minutes 31.57 seconds in 1984, is in his own element as he runs his rivals inside John Walker of New Zealand, Dave Moorcroft and Tim Hutchings, who all, like him, were originally milers who moved up to 5,000 metres, but kept up their speed by returning to the shorter distance.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Table listing regional television variations for various regions including BBC1, BBC2, BBC3, BBC4, Channel 4, Channel 5, Channel 6, Channel 7, Channel 8, Channel 9, Channel 10, Channel 11, Channel 12, Channel 13, Channel 14, Channel 15, Channel 16, Channel 17, Channel 18, Channel 19, Channel 20, Channel 21, Channel 22, Channel 23, Channel 24, Channel 25, Channel 26, Channel 27, Channel 28, Channel 29, Channel 30, Channel 31, Channel 32, Channel 33, Channel 34, Channel 35, Channel 36, Channel 37, Channel 38, Channel 39, Channel 40, Channel 41, Channel 42, Channel 43, Channel 44, Channel 45, Channel 46, Channel 47, Channel 48, Channel 49, Channel 50, Channel 51, Channel 52, Channel 53, Channel 54, Channel 55, Channel 56, Channel 57, Channel 58, Channel 59, Channel 60, Channel 61, Channel 62, Channel 63, Channel 64, Channel 65, Channel 66, Channel 67, Channel 68, Channel 69, Channel 70, Channel 71, Channel 72, Channel 73, Channel 74, Channel 75, Channel 76, Channel 77, Channel 78, Channel 79, Channel 80, Channel 81, Channel 82, Channel 83, Channel 84, Channel 85, Channel 86, Channel 87, Channel 88, Channel 89, Channel 90, Channel 91, Channel 92, Channel 93, Channel 94, Channel 95, Channel 96, Channel 97, Channel 98, Channel 99, Channel 100.

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Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

- 6.45 Open University. Unit 1.2.2.
8.30 The Clangers. (r) 8.40 The Family-Ness. (r)
8.45 The Saturday Picture Show presented by Mark Gurry and Cheryl Baker. Gary Davies drives a motor boat in London's docklands; and rockstar Owen Paul performs his new single.

TV-AM

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at 6.58; news at 7.00; regional reports at 7.08; and sport at 7.10.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 Get Fresh! from Beamish Open Air Museum, Newcastle. This week's edition includes Gian Sommaro interviewing Norman Tebbit, 11.30 Punky Brewster. Part two of the story about a young girl, living in Chicago, who is deserted by her parents.



Left: Liza Sawersman and Robert Paget Casella (BBC1, 7.50pm). Right: James Hayter: The Pickwick Papers (Channel 4, 3.05)

BBC 2

- 6.50 Open University: Form and Function of Fossils 7.15 Classical Greece: Games, Festivals 7.40 Head Start: Children of the Dream 8.05 Everyday Violence 8.30 Appraising the Appraisal 8.55 Punjab to Britain (r) 9.20 Santa Maria Del Miracoli: Venice 9.45 Organics by the Top 10.10 Pure Maths: Knots 10.35 Maths: Tops and Gyroscopes 11.00 Maths Across the Curriculum 11.25 The Handicapped: Working Together 11.50 Crime Patrol 12.15 Maths: Finding One's Bearings 12.40 Modern Art: Greenberg on Criticism 1.05 The Widowing of Mrs Holroyd 1.30 Hazardous Waste Disposal.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.15 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park. 7.15 Waterloo House Chartley Lock Stakes (1.20); the Continental Airlines Handicap Stakes (1.50); the Keith Anderson Memorial Handicap Stakes (2.20); and the Robert Fleming Filles Stakes (2.50).

BBC

- 6.45 Open University. Unit 8.50.
6.55 Play School. 9.15 Articles of Faith. Should creeds be a necessary condition of Christianity? asks John Bowker, Dean of Trinity 9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from a viewer's home in Chander's Ford, Aston. Presenter: film star Rakha talks to Azmat Balwa about her life and career 10.30 Aristocrats. A profile of the Marquis de Ganay. (r) 11.20 Cameo. Wild! In a country for the high Arctic. (r) 11.30 Three in the Wild. How Mordicus the buzzard survived his first few days. (r) 12.00 Charley, Miss and Make Up 12.05 Sign Extra. How Cameron Marsden saved the life of his racing dog, Danny. For the missing mascot 12.35 Farming. With cereal production under threat through various factors, Dan Cherrington looks at the possibility of organic cereal production as an alternative. 12.50 Weather.

TV-AM

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain begins with Sunday Comment: 7.00 Are You Awake Yet? 7.25 WAC Extra.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 Wake Up London. 9.35 Roger Ramjet. (r) 9.45 Sylvester. (r).



Left: Timothy West: The Monocled Mutineer (BBC1, 9.05pm). Right: Jan Harvey: Howards' Way. (BBC1, 7.45pm)

BBC 2

- 6.50 Open University: Calculus - the Directional Derivative 7.15 Plant Propagation 7.40 Man's Religious Quest: Pilgrimage 8.05 Chardin and the Female Image 8.30 Chile in the International System 8.55 The Export of Pollution 9.20 Meanings of Madness (4) 9.45 Maths: And So On... 10.10 A Golden Age of Work 10.35 Quantum Theory: Electrons and Photons 11.00 Urban Change: State Intervention 11.30 Kafka and His World 12.15 Of: Films for the Future 12.40 Probing the Structure of Liquids 1.05 The Optical Lens 1.30 Shooting the Moon 1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: Motor Racing: the Italian Grand Prix from Monza, with commentary from Murray Walker and James Hunt; Evening: the Bughy Remy Martin Horse Trials. Commentary by Michael Tucker, Hugh Thomas, and Raymond Brooks-Ward; Racing, at approximately 3.25, from Phoenix Park, Dublin; the Champion Stakes; followed by the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp. Commentary by Michael Tucker and general knowledge game, Sunday Sunday, presented by Gloria Hunniford. The guests are Nigel Harvey, Sir John Mills, Wayne Sleep, Kate Robbins, Kenny Ball and Ackar Bill. The guest critics are Pamela Armstrong and Bob Caroleyes.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.05 Irish Angle. With the tourist industry in Ireland hit by the Libyan crisis and Chernobyl water, the consequential drop in visitors from the United States, the programme examines how the Republic's third largest earner of foreign revenue can recover.

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SPORT

Crowd are on trial more than the teams at Lord's

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The NatWest final at Lord's today brings together two of the most successful sides of the early years of one-day cricket...

enough to do so for Sussex to fear him scarcely less than if he was still in his prime.

wins the Gillette/NatWest final more often than not, despite having to bat sometimes in the twilight.

LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, G Fowler, J Abrahams, N H Fairbrother, C H Lloyd (capt), S J O'Shaughnessy, G Hayward, J Simmons, A N Hayhurst, M Watkinson, P J W Allott.

PATHS TO THE FINAL

LANCASHIRE First round: beat Cumberland by 8 wickets (Old Trafford). Second round: beat Somerset by 3 runs (Taunton).

SUSSEX First round: beat Suffolk by 7 wickets (Hove). Second round: beat Glamorgan by 29 runs (Hove).

RECORDS FOR THE FINAL

Highest total: 317 for 4 Yorkshire v Surrey, 1965. Highest aggregate: 559 (Essex 280 for 2 Nottinghamshire 279 for 5), 1985.

Most economical bowling: A G Nicholson 12-5-14, Yorkshire v Derbyshire, 1969; R D V Knight 12-3-14-2, Surrey v Warwickshire, 1982.

Lancashire's "supporters" of whom thousands are expected to come south, have a nasty habit of spoiling the enjoyment for other people by their behaviour.

It will be a great shame if fences have to be built, at Lord's of all places, to hold sections of the crowd at bay, or if the ground capacity has to be reduced by having no spectators on the grass or extra police have to be hired at considerable expense.

It was the first winners of the competition (known as the Gillette Cup until 1980) in 1963.

Lancashire defeated Sussex by six wickets in the 1970 final. Sussex won the side's only other previous meeting in the competition, a semi-final at Hove in 1978, by 136 runs.

Lancashire achieved a treble of victories in 1970 to 1972 and won again in 1975. They were beaten finalists in 1974 and 1976.

Lancashire had 15 successive wins in the competition, 1970-73. Sussex won their first six games, 1963-65.

Stylish Mendis chases century

In his first season for Lancashire, Gehan Mendis, who plays against his old county today, has made quite an impression. His new colleagues are not sure what to make of him.

Mendis, now aged 31, feels the selectors think he is qualified solely for Sri Lanka, the country of his birth, and affluent upbringing.

Snow to tell him how a fast bowler attacked a batsman. It helped Mendis score 1,000 runs in a season, six times for Sussex.

of the North. His runs have, he says, been scrambled rather than scored.

His parents, a father who is a wealthy civil engineer, and his mother, who is second generation Dutch, emigrated to England in 1968.

He could still, of course, play for Sri Lanka. "Officials have spoken loosely to me about making me captain but I chose to play for them if I would become an overseas cricketer which would complicate my county career.

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CYCLING: TOUGH 17-LAP CIRCUIT AT ALTITUDE WILL TEST THE PROFESSIONALS

Kelly pins hopes on his short stay in Rockies

Much has been spoken about the high altitude of the road race circuit for the three events which close the world championships this weekend.

Kelly arrived here only three days ago, giving him little time to acclimatise. The Irishman, who could win his first world championship today, is working on the theory that you stay at altitude for two weeks to become fully adjusted to the thin air.

From John Wilcockson, Colorado Springs. Kelly is his compatriot, Stephen Roche, Francesco Moser, of Italy, and the two past two world champions, Claude Criquielion of Belgium and the Dutchman, Joop Zoetemelk.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Admission earns ban

Borje Salming, of the Toronto Maple Leafs ice hockey team, has been suspended for the first eight games of the 1986-87 National Hockey League (NHL) season for admitting he used cocaine several years ago.

Docks gift

The Sports Council has made a £500,000 grant to finance in part the building of a new national indoor athletics training centre in the former London docklands.

Westminster laps of honour for Doyle

The marauding Australians are likely to be in fine form when the Kellogg City centre championship concludes in Westminster tomorrow.

Over at last

John Inchmore, who has taken 510 first class wickets in 14 seasons, is to make a farewell appearance for Worcestershire in their John Player League match against Derbyshire at New Road tomorrow.

Swiss miss

Mats Wilander has cancelled his appearance at the \$231,000 Swiss Open tournament starting today in Geneva because he is taking a two-month break after playing the United States Open, the organizers announced.

Modest Gooch praises Fletcher

By Ivo Tennant

At his own admission, Graham Gooch is no dictator. His achievement in winning the Britannic Assurance Championship in his first tilt at captaincy owes much, he will readily acknowledge, to the expertise of Keith Fletcher, his friend, mentor and now vice captain.

"I have enjoyed captaining, and the extra responsibility that goes with it; but really, nothing has changed at Essex. I have missed a lot of games through Test calls so Keith is still captaining the side a lot. He is the best captain I have played under so it is marvelous to have him on the field offering advice. We do not have team talks before a match; but discuss the game all the time. Keith gives me tips about positioning fielders and will sometimes move a fielder himself. Captains do not keep books but he logs in his memory batsmen's strengths and weaknesses. All the players chip in with suggestions. Cricket is now a 15-man game, what with Test calls and injuries. (Both led to Essex having five different captains in less than a month this season). Some of our first team players have broken fingers or hands but we have still managed to keep in contention.

"We are very proud in Essex of our youth policy. Most of our young players were born and brought up locally. This season, John Stephenson, who will be a good batsman, has come through. People forget that Neil Foster is still young, yet already he has taken over the main workload of the bowling from John Lever. His time will come at Test level. "Derek Pringle has had a fine season and, although there are better looking wicket keepers than David East, he has proved he has ability. If he can score 1,000 runs a season, the Test selectors will look at him," Gooch said.

"Then we have been fortunate in signing Allan Border and John Childs. Allan was the best available overseas player and has been a big influence on the pitch as in the dressing room. It was not easy succeeding. Kerry McEwan, who was much loved in Essex, Essex, though, have not escaped criticism, both of their pitches and last day collisions. "We do not prepare pitches to suit ourselves but all types of players. They are good cricket wickets. Players and spectators do not want flat pitches. It is better to have collusion between captains. My response to the critics is that we have won only four matches on our ground and lost three, but have won six away."

Gooch has praise and sympathy for Gloucestershire, who at one stage had a 54 point lead over Essex. "They faded at the wrong time. I know how they feel. Essex used to be runners up."

Atkinson under pressure to buy time for United

By Clive White

There could hardly have been a less encouraging sight for Ron Atkinson, the deeply-troubled Manchester United manager, than that of his side's next opponents defeating the champions, Liverpool, on Wednesday. Leicester City's 2-1 victory has only added to the pressures mounting on Atkinson.

The changing fortunes of football were never better illustrated than this time last season. United on their way to a club record of 10 successive league wins and in valiant pursuit of Tottenham Hotspur's all-time record start. This season United, after three consecutive defeats, are merely looking for a trace of self-respect rather than covering themselves in glory.

Last week's home game with newly-promoted Charlton Athletic gave them that opportunity but they muffed it. Today they will face a Leicester side renowned for cheekily tripping up the best if few others. Last season they beat Manchester United 3-0 at Filbert Street. Atkinson, expecting to face the sweeper system which defused Ruess and Dalgligh, has chosen the lively little Terry Gibson, who has only started in two League games for United, in an effort to find space elsewhere.

Surprisingly, Atkinson's only other deliberate player change is to recall to right back Sivebek, the Dane who has struggled so with the pace of the English game. Duxbury moves into midfield with Blackmore, the Welsh international, the likely odd man out. Stapleton and Davenport dispute the role alongside Gibson. Atkinson will not name the team until after fitness test on Albion, who is very doubtful with a groin injury. Hogg, whose league record was probably better than anyone's at Old Trafford last season (12 winning appearances in 16), could win a place in a rejigged defence.

The dark clouds over Old Trafford have been gathering for some time. Since November 2 last year United have won only 11 of 40 League and cup games. United's change of fortune roughly coincided with the loss of Robson through the first of his shoulder injuries and, of course, he has yet to appear this season. For a club with United's wealth of talent it seems illogical and dangerous that they should be dependant to such a degree on one player, irrespective of his merit. In mitigation it has to be said United were abnormally unlucky with injuries and were forced to use 26 players as

Manchester United's record in League, FA Cup, Milk Cup and Soccer Sport Super Cup matches since November 9, 1985 is: Played: 40; Won 11; Drawn 12; Lost 17.

against Liverpool's 18, which was high by their standards. For a side with United's commitment to attack they did not score many goals and defensively they began giving them away once the attack lost its impetus. Hughes, with Barcelona on his mind, was less prolific than before and Stapleton inexorably so. Davenport, bought for £575,000 from Nottingham Forest, has suffered from the same impotence that afflicted Birles when he ventured from Keston to the jungle. Some players just cannot adapt to the big stage.

After United had beaten Everton in the FA Cup two years ago it was felt by the board that they had a team to challenge seriously for the championship. Consequently, they spent most available money on improving ground facilities. Atkinson, who was believed to be well short of Ipswich's valuation when bidding for Butcher, will now have to sell before he can buy. Time, though, may be against him despite votes of confidence unless he can buy some today by sweeping Leicester aside.

England's match in Belfast is switched

By Clive White

England's European championship match against Northern Ireland next month has been moved from Belfast to Wembley in order to avoid a potential clash between English and Scottish supporters. Scotland are playing the Republic of Ireland on the same day, October 12, and there were fears that trouble could break out in both capitals while the supporters are in transit. England will now play the Irish in Belfast on April 1 next year.

England's supporters are likely to catch ferries to Dublin and travel north, while Scottish supporters will probably take ferries to Belfast. The FA have had to admit defeat, though, in their attempt to restrict the movement of Leeds United supporters. They decided yesterday to lift the all-ticket restriction on Leeds's away matches, at the request of the police and second division clubs, because the bus was proving ineffective. Huddersfield's home game against Leeds today remains all-ticket.

HORSE TRIALS

Davidson a serious threat to Mrs Leng

By Jenny MacArthur

Virginia Leng, trying for a fourth successive victory, has taken over the lead at the Burghley Remy Martin Horse Trials after an outstanding dressage test on the eight-year-old Murphy Hunsell, owned by British National Life Assurance.

She is separated by less than one point from the United States' dual world champion, Bruce Davidson, who is riding his old favourite, JJ Babu, a horse he calls "an ideal partner" for his old age. Davidson, a perfectionist, was annoyed with himself for one or two small errors in his test, but with less than a point between them and with his 12-year-old gelding showing, when winning Gatcombe last month, that he is on top form, Davidson poses a considerable threat to Mrs Leng.

Richard Walker, riding with his usual flair in third place on Mr Alan Birchall's Accumulator - his score being boosted by high marks from Judy Bradwell one of the three judges. Thursday's overnight leader, Ros Bevan, who would have been lying fourth, has had to withdraw from the event after her horse, Horion Venture strained a tendon on Thursday night.

Despite Murphy Hunsell's inexperience - Burghley is his biggest test to date - he was relaxed and totally attentive to his rider throughout yesterday's test, unmoved by the crowds who had gathered in the bright early morning sunlight to watch the favourite.

Mrs Leng is particularly proud of Murphy's progress. He is the first horse she has chosen by herself, without the aid of her mother or trainer. She had read that a "four-year-old blue roan" was for sale in Sussex and as she was passing

One of the better tests came from Richard Meade on Kilcastel. The 14-year-old gelding, winner of the team gold medal in the 1981 European championships and 1982 world championship and runner-up at Burghley in 1983, is making a welcome return to the eventing scene after two years punctuated with minor injuries. Meade is just ahead of Michael Tucker. Treading on their heels is Helen Ogden with the magnificent 17th Streetlighter, a horse who will probably relish the cross-country more than he did the dressage. With Rodney Powell, on Pomeroy, and Lorna Clarke, on Myross, placed in the middle files the contest over 28-fence cross-country will be fierce.

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